

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1746
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EXTINCTION OF LIONS AND TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether lions and tigers are going to be included in the list of animals nearing extinction;
- (b) if so, whether Government has formulated any effective scheme for their growth and protection of environment; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) Lions and tigers have been accorded highest statutory protection, considering their endangered status, and have been placed under the Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, since its enactment.
- (b) & (c) Central Assistance is provided to States under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Project Tiger" and "Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries", for protection and conservation of wild animals including lions and tigers. Other initiatives taken by the Government of India for conservation of wild animals are given at Annexure-I.