

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

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POACHING OF WILDLIFE ANIMALS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether wild animals are being killed by the poachers owing to negligence by the park authorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of instructions issued by the Government for entertaining VIP tourists visiting the National Parks; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety of the wild animals in the National Parks?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No Sir. There are no such reports with this Ministry.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No such instructions have been issued by the Central Government for entertaining VIP tourists visiting National Parks.
- (d) The steps taken by Government of India to protect wildlife and prevent poaching are as under:
  1. The Central Government has enacted the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to deal with the issues of wildlife crime. Stringent penalties are imposed on the offenders for the contravention of the provisions of the Act.
  2. A network of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries has been set up across the country to protect wildlife.
  3. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, with a network of five Regional and three Sub Regional Offices, has been set up to control wildlife crime.
  4. Financial support is being provided under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes –Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries, Project Tiger and Project Elephant,to State/UT Governments for the conservation and development of wildlife and its habitats.In addition, the State/UT Governments have also taken the following measures to protect wildlife and prevent poaching:
    1. Intensive patrolling in sensitive areas.
    2. Coordination with other law enforcement agencies.
    3. Provision for arms and ammunition, and communication facilities.
    4. Conducting nature awareness campaigns for the public.
    5. Soliciting cooperation from the local communities.