

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

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SURVEYS OF SANCTUARIES AND WILDLIFE PARKS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to conduct surveys of sanctuaries and wildlife parks to know the actual number of wild animals and their density present in these sanctuaries and parks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any requests have been received from various sections/societies/quarters for conducting census surveys of sanctuaries/wildlife parks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Central Government coordinates/ facilitates all India population estimation of wild tigers and elephants within the National Parks, Sanctuaries and outside with a periodicity of normally four and five years respectively. The last All India Estimation of Tiger, co-predators and its prey was carried out between 2006 and 2008. Similarly, the last all India enumeration of wild elephants in the country was carried out in 2007-08. With regard to conduct of population surveys of other important species in Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks of the country, the Central Government, under the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz. 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant', provides financial and technical assistance to State/ UT Governments based on specific proposals received from them in the form of Annual Plan of Operation. Such proposals are considered by the Central Government subject to the availability of funds, site-specific requirements and fulfillment of necessary procedural requirements.