

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

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DECLINING POPULATION OF TIGER AND OTHER WILD ANIMALS

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

- (a) whether the population of Tigers and other wild animals are declining in the country in spite of various measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the estimated population of tigers and other wild animals in the country as of now, State-wise;
- (d) the number of Tigers and other wild animals reportedly killed during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and reserve-wise; and
- (e) the action plan of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) The reasons for the present status of tiger and other wild animals, in general, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) As per the findings of the recent All India tiger estimation in 2008 using the refined methodology, the total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The State-wise tiger population and area of tiger occupied landscapes are indicated in Annexure-II. Details relating to estimation of elephant, lion and rhino are at Annexure-III.
- (d) Details relating to mortality of tiger, reserve-wise, as reported by the States, are at Annexure-IV; details of mortality relating to elephant, rhino and lion, as reported by States are at Annexure-V.
- (e) The milestone initiatives taken for strengthening tiger conservation in the country are at Annexure-VI.