

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

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HUNTING OF ENDANGERED WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the instances of poaching of tigers, leopards and elephants by electrocuting them in National Parks have been reported in the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check this cruel means of execution?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) No instances of poaching of tigers by electrocution are reported. Details of the death of elephants due to electrocution during the last three years, state-wise are at Annexure. Details of poaching of leopards due to electrocution are not collated at the Ministry.

(c) Steps taken by the Government to check death of animals by electrocution includes:

1. Extensive patrolling by forest staff in Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Parks and other forest areas.
2. Strengthening of communication and wireless network.
3. Provision of arms and ammunitions for the protection staff.
4. Establishment of protection camps and watch-towers at strategic locations.
5. Involvement of local people in protection works by awareness generation programmes.
6. Steps are taken by the Government to keep the high-tension wires out of the way of animals.