

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:348  
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2010  
PROTECTION OF WILD ANIMALS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the population of tiger in the country has shown signs of improvement after launch of the public awareness campaign in the media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch such public awareness campaign for protection of other wildlife like lion, leopard and bear etc. also; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 348 ON PROTECTION OF WILD ANIMALS DUE FOR REPLY ON 18.08.2010.

(a) & (b) As per the findings of the All India Tiger Estimation using the refined methodology in 2008, the total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The new findings, which are based on statistical methods are not comparable with the earlier estimates based on pugmark counts for drawing an inference on the population trend. Action has been initiated for 2nd all India tiger estimation based on refined methodology.

(c) & (d) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats, central assistance is being provided to States for conservation and protection of wild animals which interalia, includes components for raising public awareness.