

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

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DECREASING POPULATION OF WILD BIRDS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of wild animals and birds in the country, State-wise including their comparative figures during the last two census;
- (b) whether any responsibility has ever been fixed for missing of wild animals;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Comprehensive and nation wide population estimation of wild animals & birds (except for flagship species like tiger,elephant, etc.) has not been carried out/ collated at Central Government level. The details of the All India Estimation of Tigers carried out during 2001-02 (using earlier methodology) as well as the latest All India Estimation of Tiger,carried out between 2006 and 2008 are at Annexure I & II respectively. However, the latest estimation cannot be compared with the previous estimations on account of the modified methodology adopted. Similarly, the details of the all India enumeration of wild elephants in the country carried out in 2002 and 2007-08 are at Annexure III.

(b)&(c) The day-to-day management and protection of wildlife and their habitats are vested primarily with the concerned State/ UT Governments, who are in physical possession of such resources. The State/ UT Governments have taken appropriate actions against criminals on wildlife offences and also fixed responsibility on officials for dereliction of duty, wherever applicable, as and when such cases have been reported. However, such information is not collated at the level of Central Government.