

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CHECK ON DEATH OF BIRDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been unnatural deaths of peacocks and pigeons reported in the country including Bundi district in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the total number of peacocks at present in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check the death of said birds in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) Unnatural death of wild animals is reported from time to time in the country. As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, unnatural death of 532 peacocks has been reported in the last three years and no unnatural death of pigeons is reported in the state.
- (b) The State-wise details of deaths and total number of peacock at present in the country are not compiled in the Ministry. However, as reported by the Government of Rajasthan, there are 1,21,858 peacocks in Rajasthan as per census of 2011.
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to check the death of said birds are as under:-
 - (i) Peacock has been included under the Schedule-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby according this species the highest degree of protection.
 - (ii) Law enforcement authorities in the States maintain strict vigil against poaching of peacocks and other wild birds.
 - (iii) Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has been set up to gather intelligence about poaching and unlawful trade in wild animals and animal articles, including peacocks, and to achieve inter-state and trans-boundary coordination in enforcement of wildlife laws.