

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

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CHECK ON POACHING OF TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages existing inside the notified Tiger Reserves in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has notified a number of cases of poaching activity in the forest areas of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the loss/damage caused to wildlife due to these activities in the country; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard and to ensure avoidance of unnecessary provocation by the village dwellers?

Answer

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

- (a) As reported by States, there are 762 villages with 48,549 families in the notified core/critical tiger habitats of 32 tiger reserves. The details are at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c) Details of tiger mortality due to poaching during the last three years and current year, as reported by States, are at Annexure-II. Information on poaching relating to other wildlife are not collated at the Government of India level.
- (d) Poaching, is one of the major causative factors for the depletion of a species from its habitat.
- (e) The milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India for protection of tigers and other wildlife are at Annexure-III.