

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

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EXTINCTION OF ANIMALS

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has complete data of species of animals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, specie-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide complete data of species of animals and the time by which the data are likely to be available in the country;
- (e) whether any survey has been conducted with regard the animals on the verge of extinction in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, specie-wise; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for protection of such animals?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The complete list of data of species till 2010 is available with the Zoological Survey of India. The list of the taxonomic group-wise number of species found in India is given in the Annexure-1.
- (c) & (d) The Zoological Survey of India has prepared a "VISION document 2020" for conducting surveys throughout the country to update the 2010 list.
- (e) & (f) Zoological Survey of India conducts regular status survey of endangered species. List of documents relating to status survey of some species is given in the Annexure-2.
- (g) The Ministry provides financial assistance to the State Governments under the component "recovery programmes for critically endangered species" of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats".