

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

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NUMBER OF ENDANGERED SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of Lions, Tigers, Rhinoceros and other endangered species have been decreasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of Lions, Tigers and Rhinoceros in the country as on date;
- (c) whether the government has any proposal to preserve and promote the flora and fauna of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) No decline in the population of major species like Lions, Tigers and Rhinoceros in the country has been reported in the census of these animals undertaken during recent past. In fact, their population has increased. As per the latest information available in the Ministry, the estimated population of Tiger has increased from 1411 in 2006 to 1706 in 2010. The population of Lion has increased from 359+ 10 in 2005 to 411 in 2010. The population of Rhinoceros has increased from 1817 in 1998-1999 to 2414 in 2009. The population of these species in the country, as on date, is not available.

(c),(d)&(e) Technical and financial assistance is being provided by the Central Government to the Governments of States and Union Territories under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Elephant', and 'Project Tiger' for undertaking activities for protection and management of the habitats of wild flora and fauna of the country. The Ministry also supports programs for creating awareness and undertaking research for the protection of wildlife and its habitats.