

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:430

ANSWERED ON:07.05.2012

PROTECTION OF TIGERS

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

- (a) whether the number of tigers including Royal Bengal Tiger has been declining in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of tigers, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of tiger mortality during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the tigers and increase their numbers in the country?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 430 ON PROTECTION OF TIGERS DUE FOR REPLY ON 07.05.2012.

(a) & (b) No Sir. The country level tiger population, estimated once in every four years using the refined methodology, has shown an increasing trend with a population estimate of 1706, lower and upper limits being 1520 and 1909 respectively in the recent all India estimation (2010), as compared to the last country level estimation of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The landscape-wise details of tiger estimation in the country for the year 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-I.

(c) The details of tiger mortality, as reported by States, during the last three years, including the current year are at Annexure-II.

(d) The milestone initiatives taken by the Government to protect and foster tiger conservation are at Annexure-III.