

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:318

ANSWERED ON:03.09.2012

TIGER RESERVES

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

- (a) the number of tiger reserves in the country along with the population of tigers therein, State-wise;
- (b) the number of animals including tigers killed/hunted/poached in the forest areas of the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has provided funds for protection of wildlife including tigers during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the strategy adopted by the Government to protect the animals including tigers in the forest areas of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(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. 318 ON TIGER RESERVES DUE FOR REPLY ON 03.09.2012.

(a) There are 41 tiger reserves in the country. The country level tiger population, estimated at the landscape level 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 years 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-I.

(b) The details of tiger mortality for the last three years and the current year, as reported by States are at Annexure-II. Information on mortality of other wild animals are not collated at the Government of India level.

(c) & (d) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided to States for protection and management of tiger reserves. The details of funding assistance provided during XI Plan period and current year are at Annexure-III. The funding assistance provided under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Project Elephant and Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats are at Annexures-IV & V respectively. The milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India to protect and foster wild animals including tiger conservation are at Annexure-VI.