

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION OF TIGERS

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

- (a) whether the National Tiger Conservative Authority has failed in its mission;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to increase the number of Tigers in the country along with the existing number of Tigers in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the safety of Tigers in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) No Sir. Due to concerted efforts, monitoring and milestone initiatives of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, 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.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) & (d) The details of tiger population in the country for the years 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-I. The milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India for protection and conservation of tigers are at Annexure-II.