

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

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NATIONAL PARKS/BIRD SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Parks and Bird Sanctuaries in the country at present State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the population of animals such as tigers, lions, deer has increased in the said Parks/Sanctuaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for grant of a special package for the maintenance and development of Dudhwa National Park in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) National Parks and Sanctuaries are notified under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 by concerned State/Union Territory Governments in the country. As per the information available in the Ministry, 102 National Parks and 516 Wildlife Sanctuaries including Bird Sanctuaries have been notified presently in the country. State/Union Territory-wise number of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is at Annexure.
- (b) 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 information in respect of deer is not available in the Ministry as no nationwide census of deer population has been undertaken in the country. The sanctuary-wise population of these species has not been collated in the Ministry.
- (c)&(d) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided to designated Tiger Reserves in the country, inter alia, including the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, to foster tiger conservation.