

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3706  
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NUMBER OF NATIONAL PARKS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of National Parks and Sanctuaries in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether some of them have been accorded with best category; and
- (c) if so, the details of such parks in the country including Gujarat?

**Answer**

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

- (a) National Parks and Sanctuaries under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 are notified by concerned State/Union Territory Governments in the country. As per the information available in the Ministry, presently 102 National Parks and 516 Wildlife Sanctuaries have been notified in the country. State/Union Territory-wise number of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is at Annexure.
- (b) No such categorization has been done by the Ministry.
- (c) Does not arise.