

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

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

- (a) whether the number of Tigers has been increasing in the 'Tiger Project' and tiger reserves including Jim Corbett areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of Tigers, State-wise including Karnataka; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the Tigers and further increase their numbers in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The country level tiger population, assessed 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 assessment of 2010, as compared to the last country level assessment of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The details of tiger estimation for the years 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-I.

(c) The milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India for protection and conservation of tigers and other wildlife are at Annexure-II.