

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

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PROTECTION OF WILD LIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the increasing instances of poaching of Rhinoceros in Kaziranga National Park in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of Rhinoceros killed during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the State Government has requested the Union Government to institute a CBI inquiry into the increasing incidents of poaching; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The details of rhinoceros poached inside the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, as reported by the State, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) The State was advised by the Government of India for a CBI investigation in this regard. As requested by the State and subsequent notification by the Government of India, three separate regular cases relating to poaching of rhinos in the Districts of Karbi-Anglong and Nagaon of Assam have been registered in the CBI.