

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:470  
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2013  
CENSUS OF ELEPHANTS AND TIGERS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any census regarding the number of elephants and tigers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the years in which the last two censuses were conducted;
- (c) the number of tigers and elephants in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to start new projects to save and increase the number of wild animals particularly elephants and tigers?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 470 REGARDING 'CENSUS OF ELEPHANTS AND TIGERS' DUE FOR REPLY ON 29.04.2013

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government of India conducts census of wild elephants and tigers in the country periodically. The census of wild elephants is done at an interval of 5 years. The latest state-wise population of elephants was compiled during 2012. The details of elephant estimation for the year 2007 and 2012 are at Annexure-I. The details of tiger estimation for the year 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-II. The country level population of elephants and tigers has shown an increasing trend.

(d) In-principle approval has been accorded by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for creation of four new tiger reserves, and the sites are: Pilibhit (Uttar Pradesh), Ratapani (Madhya Pradesh), Sunabeda (Odisha), and Mukundara Hills (including Darrah, Jawahar Sagar and Chambal Wildlife Sanctuaries) (Rajasthan). Final approval has been accorded to Kudremukh (Karnataka) for declaring as a tiger reserve. The State Governments have been advised to send proposals for declaring the following areas as tiger reserves: (i) Bor (Maharashtra), (ii) Suhelwa (Uttar Pradesh), (iii) Nagzira-Navegaon (Maharashtra), (iv) Guru Ghasidas National Park (Chhattisgarh), (v) Mhadei Sanctuary (Goa) and (vi) Srivilliputhur Grizzled Giant Squirrel / Megamalai Wildlife Sanctuaries / Varushanadu Valley (Tamil Nadu).

As regards, wild elephants, many initiatives have been taken by the Government such as creation of elephant reserves, restoring elephant habitats, strengthening of anti-poaching camps, setting up of effective intelligence gathering system, regular and intensive patrolling around elephant habitats and their migratory routes, constitution of eco development committees etc. The last elephant reserve was notified in Chhattisgarh (Badalkhol- Tamorpingla) in September, 2011.