

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

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PROTECTION OF WILD ANIMALS

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

- (a) whether a number of wild animals including one-horned Rhinoceros have died in the Kaziranga National Park in the State of Assam during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, animal-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target under the Indian Rhino Vision (IRV), 2020;
- (d) if so, the details of the targets achieved in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the wild animals in the said Park?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Details of wild animal deaths in the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve during the last one year, as reported by the State, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) The State of Assam has launched the Indian Rhino Vision, 2020 with an aim to attain a population of 3000 wild rhinoceros in Assam by the year 2020. The details of rhino population as reported by the State are at Annexure-II.
- (e) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided to the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve for protection and conservation of tigers and other wild animals, interalia, including rhinoceros. The steps taken by the State Government for protection of wild animals in the said reserve are at Annexure-III.