

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

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

- (a) the number of tigers in the country, at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified the reasons posing threat to the survival of tigers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for protection of tigers in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) & (c) The general causes for decline of tiger population are at Annexure-II.
- (d) The Government of India has taken several milestone initiatives for protection of tigers in the country and the details are at Annexure-III.