

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:973  
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CHECK THE POPULATION OF BISON  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken note about the population of 'Bison' being very high in Sahyadri region and its nearby areas due to which farmers are not able to do their farming as reported by some State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to check the population of Bison in the said area;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) There is no specific reports regarding farmers not able to do their farming because of high population of Bison in Sahyandri region and its nearby areas.
- (c) Bison is a protected animal under the provision of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and listed in Schedule I of the Act. No proposal to check its population in Sahyandri region or its nearby areas is under consideration of the Ministry.
- (d)&(e) Does not arise.