

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:584
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CHECK ON DEATHS OF RHINOS IN PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a note that the killing of Rhinos by poachers have increased in Kaziranga National Park recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles have been deployed to monitor the movement of the animals and poachers in the park; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which it would be beneficial in detecting the poachers and reduce the killings of Rhinos in the Park?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Details of rhinoceros poaching, as reported by the State of Assam, inside and outside the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve including Kaziranga National Park, during the current year, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Question does not arise.