

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of frequent killing of Leopards and Tigers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of Tigers and Leopards in the country at present; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the conservation of these wild animals?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The details of tiger mortality during the year 2013, as reported by States, is at Annexure-I.

The mortality of leopard in the country is not collated at the level of the Government of India. The country level tiger population, estimated 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 all India estimation (2010), as compared to the last country level estimation of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The State-wise details of tiger estimation for the year 2006 and 2010 are at Annexure-II.

The population of leopard in the country is not estimated, however, as a part of the recent all India tiger estimation, only the spatial occupancy of leopard within the 17 tiger States has been ascertained, and the details are at Annexure-III.

(c) The Government of India has taken several milestone initiatives for protection of wild animals including tiger, which are at Annexure-IV.