

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:8

ANSWERED ON:24.02.2015

TIGER POPULATION

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a report entitled 'Status of Tigers in India-2014' has been brought out recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the population of tigers in the country along with the growth/decline registered, State-wise;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made/survey conducted to find out the reasons for the decline in tiger population in certain States including naxal affected areas and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated sanctioned and utilised by the Government for the protection and conservation of tigers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the action plan formulated/implemented in this regard, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 8 ON TIGER POPULATION DUE FOR REPLY ON 24.02.2015.

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The third countrywide assessment of the status of tigers, co-predators and their prey has been released in January, 2015. This assessment of 2014 is the third such countrywide assessment using the refined methodology as recommended by the Tiger Task Force. The findings indicate a countrywide 30% increase in tiger numbers in 2014 with an estimated number of 2226 (range 1945-2491) as compared to 2010 estimation [1706 (1520-1909 tigers)]. The details of tiger estimation pertaining to tiger landscapes in the country, for the years 2010 and 2014 are at Annexure-I.

(c) There is no decline in any of the tiger landscape/ State except for the State of Jharkhand where the dip in tiger number is due to non assessment of much of the tiger occupied areas. In the entire State of Jharkhand, only the Palamau Tiger Reserve was assessed and remaining areas could not be assessed owing to problem of left wing extremism.

(d) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided to the tiger range States, based on the reserve specific Annual Plan of Operations, for protection, management and related works as per the Project Tiger guidelines. The funds allocated / released and utilised by the Government for the protection and conservation of tigers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-II.