

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

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

- (a) the total number of tigers in the country at present;
- (b) the number of incidents of poaching of tigers registered during the last one year;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government for the conservation of tigers in the country; and
- (d) whether there is any system in place to review the success or failure of such initiatives and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The total number of tigers in the country as per 2014 tiger estimation is 2226 (range 1945-2491).
- (b) The tiger mortality, interalia, including poaching, registered during the last one year, as reported by the States, is at Annexure-I.
- (c) The Government of India has taken several milestone initiatives to conserve and protect the tigers in the country, and the details are at Annexure-II.
- (d) Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves, done once in four year, for all tiger reserves takes note of strength, weakness, opportunity and threat (SWOT) of all tiger reserves. Besides, appraisal of execution of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger is also done by independent teams once during each plan period.