

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TIGERS IN WILD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data on tigers in the wild in the country;
- (b) if so, the details indicating the number of male, female and tiger cubs separately, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken for tiger conservation in the State of Maharashtra?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The country level tiger population, assessed 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 assessment of 2010, as compared to the last country level assessment of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The said assessment provides only the population estimate without sexing or ageing. Details of the latest country level assessment of tiger (2010) are at Annexure-I. Under Phase-IV monitoring at tiger reserve level, details of male, female and cubs as camera trapped or observed, are maintained in several reserves, which are not collated at the Government of India level.
- (c) The milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India for tiger conservation in the country, including the State of Maharashtra are at Annexure-II.