

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Population of tigers, lions and leopards

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Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tigers, lions and leopards that are there in various National Parks and Sanctuaries of the country;
- (b) whether all the respective habitats of the big cats have sufficient prey-base, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of standard ratio of the wild big cats and the respective prey-base; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government to maintain the prey-base in National Parks/Sanctuaries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) As per the report of the all India Tiger Estimation 2018, the number of tigers in India is 2967 (lower and upper limits being 2603 and 3346 respectively. As per June 2020 estimates, the number of Asiatic Lion is 674 individuals, compared to 411 individuals in 2010. A report of Status of Leopards in India, 2018 has been released wherein population estimate of 12,852 leopards was reported in assessed areas of tiger landscape.
- (b) & (c) The prey and predator relationship is dynamic in nature and depends on various factors like habitat quality, terrain, topography and other environmental and natural conditions. The last census conducted for the population estimation of large carnivores in India are showing increasing trend indicating sufficient prey base availability in their habitats.
- (d) Funding assistance is provided for conservation and protection of wild animals under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme- 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' to States for conservation of wild animals in National Parks/Sanctuaries.
