

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3896
TO BE ANSWERED ON. 06.04.2023

Death of tigers in the country

3896. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as many as 30 tigers have been found dead in the first two months of the calendar year 2023, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the age, place (the reserve each of them belonged to) and reasons for death of each of these tigers;
- (c) whether any human-animal conflict or poaching/hunting is suspected behind these deaths, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the birth, death and percentage growth of tigers in the country during the last five calendar years?

ANSWER

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

- (a), (b) & (c) As reported by States, the details of tiger mortality are at **Annexure-I**. The average life span of the tigers in the wild is generally 10-12 years and in natural ecosystem factors like old age, diseases, internecine fights, electrocution, snaring, drowning, road, rail hits etc. and a very high infant mortality observed in big cats including tigers account for majority of tiger deaths.
- (d) As per All India Tiger Estimation 2018, tiger population in India was estimated to be 2967 (SE range 2,603 to 3,346). The tiger population is increasing at a rate of 6% per annum in India when consistently sampled areas are compared.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3896 ON DEATH OF TIGERS IN THE COUNTRY DUE FOR REPLY ON 06.04.2023

Details of tiger mortality, as reported by States

| Sl. No. | Date | State | Age | Location |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 02.01.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Sub Adult | Kanha Tiger Reserve |
| 2 | 03.01.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Brahmapuri Forest Division |
| 3 | 04.01.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Unknown | Panna Tiger Reserve |
| 4 | 09.01.2023 | Karnataka | Unknown | Mysuru Forest Division |
| 5 | 10.01.2023 | Rajasthan | Adult | Ranthambore Tiger Reserve |
| 6 | 11.01.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Unknown | South Seoni Forest Division |
| 7 | 12.01.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Pench Tiger Reserve (MH) |
| 8 | 13.01.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Gorewada Zoo, Nagpur |
| 9 | 15.01.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Chandrapur Forest Division |
| 10 | 23.01.2023 | Uttarakhand | Unknown | Corbett Tiger Reserve |
| 11 | 24.01.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Adult | Kanha Tiger Reserve |
| 12 | 24.01.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Unknown | North Shahdol Forest Division |
| 13 | 24.01.2023 | Uttarakhand | Adult | Western Circle, Nainital |
| 14 | 12.01.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Unknown | Satpura Tiger Reserve |
| 15 | 28.01.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Pandharkawada Forest Division |
| 16 | 31.01.2023 | Rajasthan | Adult | Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve |
| 17 | 31.01.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Adult | Panna Tiger Reserve |
| 18 | 01.02.2023 | Kerala | Sub Adult | South Wayanad Forest Division |
| 19 | 02.02.2023 | Assam | Adult | Orang Tiger Reserve |
| 20 | 03.02.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Cub | Kanha Tiger Reserve |
| 21 | 04.02.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Adult | Umariya Forest Division |
| 22 | 04.02.2023 | Uttarakhand | Adult | Western Circle, Nainital |
| 23 | 06.02.2023 | Maharashtra | Unknown | Central Chanda Forest Division |

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| 24 | 06.02.2023 | Uttarakhand | Adult | Ramnagar Forest Division |
| 25 | 07.02.2023 | Karnataka | Unknown | Bandipur Tiger Reserve |
| 26 | 08.02.2023 | Rajasthan | Adult | Ranthambore Tiger Reserve |
| 27 | 09.02.2023 | Bihar | Adult | West Champaran District |
| 28 | 11.02.2023 | Maharashtra | Sub-Adult | Chandrapur Forest Division |
| 29 | 14.02.2023 | Karnataka | Unknown | Tumkur Forest Division |
| 30 | 15.02.2023 | Assam | Adult | Kaziranga Tiger Reserve |
| 31 | 17.02.2023 | Uttar Pradesh | Unknown | Tarai East Forest Division |
| 32 | 19.02.2023 | Tamil Nadu | Unknown | Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve |
| 33 | 25.02.2023 | Assam | Unknown | Tinsukia District |
| 34 | 26.02.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve |
| 35 | 26.02.2023 | Kerala | Unknown | South Wayanad Forest Division |
| 36 | 26.02.2023 | Uttarakhand | Unknown | Terai West Forest Division |
| 37 | 01.03.2023 | Uttarakhand | Unknown | Haldwani Forest Division |
| 38 | 03.03.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Sub adult | Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve |
| 39 | 04.03.2023 | Assam | Unknown | Panbari, Chirang District |
| 40 | 05.03.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve |
| 41 | 12.03.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Adult | Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve |
| 42 | 15.02.2023 | Uttarakhand | Cub | Ramnagar Division, Nainital |
| 43 | 20.03.2023 | Karnataka | Sub Adult | Nagarhole Tiger Reserve |
| 44 | 22.03.2023 | Madhya Pradesh | Cub | Kanha Tiger Reserve |
| 45 | 24.03.2023 | Karnataka | Unknown | Nilgiris Forest Division |
| 46 | 24.03.2023 | Maharashtra | Cub | Central Chanda Forest Division |
| 47 | 26.03.2023 | Maharashtra | Adult | Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve |
