

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2453
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

Results of latest Tiger Census

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

- (a) whether Government has any data regarding total number of Tigers in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) significant findings of the fifty cycle of the status of Tigers;
- (c) results of photo capture study of Tiger numbers in the Shivalik Hills and Gangetic plains; and
- (d) whether it a fact that there is a rise in Tiger presence outside of the reserves in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a), (b) & (c) As per the latest All India Tiger Estimation 2022 Report, the estimated tiger population in India is 3,682 (with lower limit 3167 and upper limit 3925). The abundance assessment of tigers in India reveals significant changes in their population distribution across various landscapes. The most notable increase in tiger population is observed in Central India and the Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains, which is primarily contributed by the states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Uttarakhand. Additionally, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar have also recorded notable increases in their tiger populations. The North Eastern Hills and Brahmaputra flood plains and Sundarbans have also shown increase in tiger population. The tiger population in the Western Ghats has remained relatively stable, but there have been declines noted in specific areas such as Wayanad and Northern Karnataka. Mizoram has reported zero tiger signs and sightings, Similarly, Jharkhand has documented only a single individual tiger. Goa, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh and Odisha have relatively small tiger populations.
- (d) The overall population of tigers in Uttar Pradesh has increased from 173 in 2018 to 205 in 2022 estimation.
