

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 200**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023

**Deaths of tigers in tiger reserves**

\*200. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and name of tiger reserves having zero or one tiger only;
- (b) the details of the number of tiger deaths during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the reasons for tiger deaths viz., due to accident, conflict, poaching, etc;
- (d) the number of cases recorded regarding seizure of tiger body parts since 2019; and
- (e) the number of cases of poaching registered and people arrested, State-wise and year-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF THE  
RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 200 ON DEATHS OF TIGERS IN  
TIGER RESERVES DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.12.2023**

(a) As per the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation, 2022, 5 tiger reserves namely the Sahyadri, Satkosia, Kawal, Dampa and Kamlang Tiger Reserves recorded no tigers while 7 tiger reserves recorded one tiger each namely Buxa, Namdapha, Mukundra Hills, Ramgarh-Vishdhari, Palamau, Udanti-Sitanadi and Indravati Tiger Reserves.

(b) As reported by States, the details of tiger deaths over the last three years is as follows:

State	2020	2021	2022
Andhra Pradesh	1	1	3
Assam	6	6	6
Bihar	1	4	2
Chhattisgarh	1	4	3
Goa	4	0	0
Jharkhand	1	0	0
Karnataka	12	14	19
Kerala	10	6	7
Madhya Pradesh	29	42	34
Maharashtra	16	29	28
Odisha	0	0	2
Rajasthan	3	1	5
Tamil Nadu	8	4	3
Telangana	0	4	0
Uttar Pradesh	9	9	3
Uttarakhand	4	3	6
West Bengal	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>121</b>

(c) Deaths due to natural causes, unnatural causes not attributable to poaching and poaching over the last three years are as follows: :

Year	Natural causes	Unnatural not poaching	Poaching
2020	60.38%	3.77%	28.30%
2021	53.70%	20.37%	12.96%
2022	37.78%	28.89%	22.22%

(d) As reported by States, the number of tiger body part seizures over the last three years is as follows:

Year	Seizures
2019	10
2020	4
2021	7

2022	5
2023 (as on 15.12.2023)	3

- (e) The details of poaching cases are given at (c). The day to day management and implementation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act is done by the States. Information on persons arrested on account of tiger poaching is not collated at Project Tiger Division / National Tiger Conservation Authority level.

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