

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3083**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

**Animal rescue and rehabilitation centre in Maharashtra**

3083. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Prime Minister inaugurated an animal rescue centre named Vantara and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received any request from the State Government of Maharashtra to allow industrialists to open an animal rescue and rehabilitation centre in the State;
- (c) if so, details thereof and the response of Government in this regard;
- (d) whether population of tigers in Maharashtra had risen from 101 in 2000 to 444 in 2024 while core areas of wildlife sanctuaries are shrinking and if so, details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) The Prime Minister visited Vantara at Jamnagar, Gujarat on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025.

No, such application has been received by the Central Zoo Authority from the State of Maharashtra.

(d) & (e) As per the All India Tiger Estimation Reports, population of tigers in State of Maharashtra shows an increasing trend, as given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Tiger population</b>
2006	103
2010	169
2014	190
2018	312
2022	444

The number of tiger reserves notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in the State of Maharashtra has been increased to six presently.

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