

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 713  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026

**Sightings of tigers in Gujarat**

713. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) the number of instances in which tigers have been sighted in Gujarat outside their traditional habitats during the last five years;
- (b) the details of such sightings, including locations, dates and numbers of tigers observed, year-wise since 2020;
- (c) whether any conservation measures, including corridor development or monitoring, have been initiated to protect the tigers;
- (d) whether Government has conducted any scientific assessment to ascertain whether these sightings indicate permanent habitation or dispersal from neighbouring States; and
- (e) whether any proposal exists to notify or develop new tiger habitat or corridor in Gujarat, in view of such sightings?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) As reported by the State, one tiger has been consistently observed since February 2025 in the Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary.
- (c) The State Government of Gujarat has initiated necessary conservation measures to protect the tigers which *inter alia* include intensive monitoring, habitat and prey base management, and movement-based protection measures within and around the Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary.
- (d) Yes, the National Tiger Conservation Authority has conducted a scientific reconnaissance survey in Gujarat and submitted its report to the State.
- (e) No such proposal has been received from the State of Gujarat.

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