

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2019

Population of Tigers

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

- (a) whether population of tigers in the country is decreasing rapidly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for increasing population of tigers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken action against the smugglers in the forest and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam. The population of tigers has increased over the last three cycles of the All India Tiger Estimation, which is carried out quadrennially, details of which are as follows:-

Cycle	Year	Tiger Estimate (range)
1	2006	1411 (1165-1657 tigers)
2	2010	1706 (1520-1909 tigers)
3	2014	2226 (1945-2491 tigers)

- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) & (d) The Government of India implements the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats of which Project Tiger is a component. Various interventions under this scheme are implemented as per the 'National Tiger Conservation Authority (Normative Standards for Tourism activities and Project Tiger) Guidelines, 2012', issued under section 38 O (1) (c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- (e) Action against forest offenders is taken as per the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, besides relevant Acts of the State Government in the matter.