

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2066
ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2023

Funds for Tiger Protection

2066. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:
DR. SANGHMITRA MAURYA:
DR. CHANDRA SEN JADON:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that one tiger dies in every 40 hours in the country and if so, the various steps taken by the Union Government to address the same during the last three years;
- (b) the total funds allocated for the protection and care of tigers during the last three years;
- (c) the details of the deaths of tigers reported along with the names of the States whether maximum occurrence of death of tigers are being reported, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the deaths of tigers during the last three years as reported in the daily newspaper Hindustan dated 21 February, 2023?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) No Sir. The average life span of the tigers in the wild is generally 10-12 years and in the wild several factors like old age, diseases, internecine fights, high infant mortality, electrocution, snaring, drowning, road/rail hits etc. account for majority of tiger deaths. As per All India Tiger Estimation 2018, tiger population in India was estimated to be 2967 (SE range 2,603 to 3,346). Tiger population is increasing at a rate of 6% per annum in India when consistently sampled areas were compared from 2006 to 2018. Funding assistance is provided under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to tiger range States for conservation of tigers, raising awareness on tiger & other wildlife conservation, habitat management, protection, eco-development, human resource and infrastructure development, voluntary village relocation. The details of funds allocated and released to the tiger range States under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during last three years and the current year are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) & (d) The details of tiger deaths as reported by States, during last three years are at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2066 ON FUNDS FOR TIGER PROTECTION DUE FOR REPLY ON 13.03.2023

Details of funds allocated and released to the tiger range States under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during last three years and the current year

(Rs. in lakhs)

2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23 (as on 28.02.2023)	
Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released
282.57	282.23	195.00	194.68	220.00	219.94	188.00	78.70

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2066 ON FUNDS FOR TIGER PROTECTION DUE FOR REPLY ON 13.03.2023

Details of tiger deaths as reported by States, during last three years and the current year

1. Details of tiger mortality for the year 2020, as reported by States

State	Number of tiger deaths
Andhra Pradesh	1
Arunachal Pradesh	0
Assam	6
Bihar	1
Chattisgarh	1
Delhi	0
Goa	4
Jharkhand	1
Karnataka	12
Kerala	10
Madhya Pradesh	29
Maharashtra	16
Nagaland	0
Odisha	0
Rajasthan	3
Tamil Nadu	8
Telangana	0
Uttar Pradesh	9
Uttarakhand	4
West Bengal	1
Total	106

2. Details of tiger mortality for the year 2021, as reported by States

State	Number of tiger deaths
Andhra Pradesh	1
Arunachal Pradesh	0
Assam	6
Bihar	4
Chattisgarh	4
Delhi	0
Goa	0
Jharkhand	0
Karnataka	15
Kerala	6
Madhya Pradesh	42
Maharashtra	27
Nagaland	0
Odisha	0
Rajasthan	1
Tamil Nadu	4
Telangana	4
Uttar Pradesh	9
Uttarakhand	3
West Bengal	1
Total	127

3. Details of tiger mortality for the year 2022, as reported by States

State	Number of tiger deaths
Andhra Pradesh	3
Arunachal Pradesh	0
Assam	6
Bihar	2
Chattisgarh	3
Delhi	0
Goa	0
Jharkhand	0
Karnataka	19
Kerala	7
Madhya Pradesh	34
Maharashtra	28
Nagaland	0
Odisha	2
Rajasthan	5
Tamil Nadu	3
Telangana	0
Uttar Pradesh	3
Uttarakhand	6
West Bengal	0
Total	121

4. Details of tiger mortality for the year 2023, as reported by States (as on 05.03.2023)

State	Number of tiger deaths
Andhra Pradesh	0
Arunachal Pradesh	0
Assam	4
Bihar	1
Chattisgarh	0
Delhi	0
Goa	0
Jharkhand	0
Karnataka	3
Kerala	2
Madhya Pradesh	10
Maharashtra	9
Nagaland	0
Odisha	0
Rajasthan	3
Tamil Nadu	1
Telangana	0
Uttar Pradesh	1
Uttarakhand	6
West Bengal	0
Total	40
