

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2614**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2020**

**Snow Leopard**

2614. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

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

- (a) whether it has been reported that snow leopards has recently made Lower Shivalik hills region of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh its habitat and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the total number of snow leopards in States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

- (a) Natural habitat of snow leopard is in the high range Himalayan mountains in the state of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh. Sighting or presence of snow leopard has not been reported in Lower Shivalik hill regions of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.
- (b) The number of snow leopards in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir is estimated to be in the range of 400-700. Recently, the Ministry has launched a country wide initiative for estimation of snow leopard numbers and population in its range States/UTs using a standard protocol namely “Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India” for making regular assessment of snow leopard population.

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