

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2092**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020.

**Endangered animals**

2092. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

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

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of endangered animals killed over the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly in Odisha and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether there is any evidence suggesting vulnerability of certain endangered species to the novel corona virus (n-Cov); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b) There are no reports in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change indicating an increase in the number of endangered animals killed during the last five years. The details of endangered animal species killed in the State of Odisha from 2015-16 till 2019-20, as informed by the State of Odisha, is at **Annexure**.

The following important steps have been taken by the Government to protect endangered species:

- i. Protected Areas, viz., National Parks, Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves covering important wildlife habitats have been notified all over the country under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to conserve wild animals and their habitats.
- ii. In order to further strengthen conservation of wildlife, Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) are also notified around National Parks and Sanctuaries under provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The Ministry has notified Eco-sensitive Zones around 393 national parks and sanctuaries adding more

- areas for conservation of wildlife.
- iii. The total number and area coverage of protected areas has increased from 759 and 161974.90 km<sup>2</sup> respectively in 2015 to 903 and 1,65,012.59 km<sup>2</sup> respectively in 2020.
  - iv. The Ministry extends financial assistance to State Government/Union Territory Administration under various Centrally Sponsored schemes(CSS) of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (DWH), for providing better protection to wildlife including endangered species of animals/birds and improvement of their habitat. The funding has increased more than double in the last five years.
  - v. Law enforcement authorities in the States maintain strict vigil against poaching of wild animals.
  - vi. The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 provides for punishment for violation of its provisions. The Act also provides for forfeiture of any equipment, vehicle or weapon that is used for committing wildlife offence(s).
  - vii. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) has been set up to gather intelligence about poaching and unlawful trade in wild animals and animal articles and to achieve inter-state and trans-boundary coordination in enforcement of wildlife laws.WCCB issued alerts and advisories on poaching and illegal trade of wildlife to the concerned State and Central agencies for preventive action as follows:

Year	Alerts and advisories issued
2017-18	86
2018-19	124
2019-20	103

- viii. Local communities are involved in conservation measures through eco-development activities who help the forest department in protection of wildlife.

(c) and (d) There is no report available with the Ministry suggesting vulnerability of certain endangered species to the novel coronavirus (n-Cov).

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ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2092 REGARDING 'ENDANGERED ANIMALS' RAISED BY SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI DUE FOR REPLY ON 23.09.2020

**Details of endangered animal species killed from 2016-17 till now in the state of Odisha**

S.No	Name of the species	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1	Tiger	0	0	1	1	0
2	Elephant	18	8	14	33	17
3	Leopard	5	3	2	6	2
4	Bison	1	2	3	0	0
5	Black buck	8	7	5	11	2
6	Chowsingha	2	1	0	0	0
7	Mouse deer	4	6	7	0	0
8	Olive Ridley	0	0	0	1	0
9	Pangolin	2	2	1	2	0
10	Porpoises	0	0	2	0	0
11	Sloth bear	11	0	12	7	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>21</b>

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