

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4074**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**Poaching of Wild Animals**

4074. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

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

- (a) the number of lions killed by poachers in Gir forest of Gujarat during the last two years;
- (b) whether an Inter-State racket of poaching of wild animals in Gir forest was busted by the State Government of Gujarat recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said poaching racket was operating from other States and involved residents of the Wildlife Sanctuary, for poaching of lions in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that such rackets are also involved in poaching of wild animals in other States, if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering to conduct any high level inquiry in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, no lion has been killed by poachers in Gir forest of Gujarat during the last two years.
- (b) As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, no inter-State racket of poaching of wild animals in Gir forest has been busted recently by the State Government of Gujarat.
- (c) Does not arise
- (d) As per information received from Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, a number of cases related to various wildlife species under the Wild Life (Protection), Act, 1972 have been busted by the Bureau. The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has taken measures as per its mandate to prevent illegal trafficking/ poaching of wild animals which include:
  - i. Conducting joint operations with the state enforcement agencies.

- ii. Conducting capacity building program for forest and police officials on investigation of wildlife cases.
- iii. Conducting sensitization program of representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, students etc.

(e) Does not arise.

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