

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2963
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.03.2022

Tiger Reserve Forest

2963. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

- (a) the number of Tiger Reserve Forests in the Country along with the number of Tigers;
- (b) whether all the Tiger Reserve Forests fulfill the criteria fixed to be declared as Tiger Reserve Forest; and
- (c) the number of forests going to be declared as Tiger Reserve Forests and the manner in which the Government proposes to rehabilitate the inhabitants of such areas for them to continue earning their livelihood?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 51 tiger reserves spread over 18 tiger range States. The quadrennial All India Tiger Estimation Exercise which assesses the Status of Tigers, Co-predators and Prey using robust scientific methodology, has shown that the tiger number has increased as per the latest estimation done in 2018, with an estimated number of 2967 (range 2603-3346) as compared to 2014 estimation of 2226 (range 1945-2491). As per Report of Status of Tigers, Copredators and Prey in India, 2018, the population estimates of tigers in tiger reserves for the year 2018-19 are at **Annexure-I & II**.
- (b) Yes, Sir. Tiger reserves are declared following due process as per norms and fulfillment of conditions as per section 38 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- (c) Approval of National Tiger Conservation Authority has been accorded to Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary, MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary and Guru Ghasidas National Park & Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary for declaration as Tiger Reserve. In-principle approval has been given by the National Tiger Conservation Authority to Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary and Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary for declaration as Tiger Reserve. The Government of India through ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger provide funding support for voluntary village relocation and rehabilitation of people from core areas of Tiger Reserves apart from facilitating convergence with other schemes of Government departments ensuring alternate livelihood support.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2963 ON TIGER RESERVE FOREST DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2022

*As per Report of Status of Tigers, Copredators and Prey in India, 2018,
Population estimates of tigers in tiger reserves*

Sl. No.	State	Tiger Reserves	Tigers within the Tiger Reserve *
			Tiger Number
Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains			
1.	Bihar	Valmiki	32
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Dudhwa	82
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Pilibhit	57
4.	Uttarakhand	Corbett	231
5.	Uttarakhand	Rajaji	38
Central India and Eastern Ghats			
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam	38
7.	Chhattisgarh	Achanakmar	5
8.	Chhattisgarh	Indravati	3
9.	Chhattisgarh	Udanti-Sitanadi	1
10.	Jharkhand	Palamau	0
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Bandhavgarh	104
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Kanha	88
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Panna	25
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Pench	61
15.	Madhya Pradesh	Satpuda	40
16.	Madhya Pradesh	Sanjay-Dubri	5
17.	Maharashtra	Bor	6
18.	Maharashtra	Melghat	46
19.	Maharashtra	Navegaon Nagzira	6
20.	Maharashtra	Pench	53
21.	Maharashtra	Sahyadri	3
22.	Maharashtra	Tadoba	83
23.	Odisha	Satkosia	1
24.	Odisha	Similipal	8
25.	Rajasthan	Mukundra	1
26.	Rajasthan	Ranthambore	53
27.	Rajasthan	Sariska	11
28.	Telangana	Amrabad	7

29.	Telangana	Kawal	1
Western Ghats			
30.	Karnataka	Bandipur	126
31.	Karnataka	Bhadra	30
32.	Karnataka	Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple	52
33.	Karnataka	Anshi Dandeli (Kali)	4
34.	Karnataka	Nagarahole	127
35.	Kerala	Parambikulam	26
36.	Kerala	Periyar	26
37.	Tamil Nadu	Anamalai	20
38.	Tamil Nadu	Kalakad Mundanthurai (KMTR)	7
39.	Tamil Nadu	Mudumalai	103
40.	Tamil Nadu	Sathyamangalam	83
NE Hills and Brahmaputra Plains			
41.	Arunachal Pradesh	Kamlang	4
42.	Arunachal Pradesh	Namdapha	11
43.	Arunachal Pradesh	Pakke	3
44.	Assam	Kaziranga	104
45.	Assam	Manas	31
46.	Assam	Nameri	3
47.	Assam	Orang	21
48.	Mizoram	Dampa	0
49.	West Bengal	Buxa	0
Sundarban			
50.	West Bengal	Sundarban	88

* Estimates of tigers that have their activity centers located within and in very close proximity of the tiger reserve administrative boundary

Annexure-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2963 ON TIGER RESERVE FOREST DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2022**

*As per Report of Status of Tigers, Copredators and Prey in India, 2018,
Population estimates of tigers in tiger reserves*

Sl. No.	State	Tiger Reserves	Tiger Number (tiger utilizing the Tiger Reserve)
			Tiger Number
Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains			
1.	Bihar	Valmiki	33
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Dudhwa	107
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Pilibhit	65
4.	Uttarakhand	Corbett	266
5.	Uttarakhand	Rajaji	52
Central India and Eastern Ghats			
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Nagarjunasagar Srisailem	43
7.	Chhattisgarh	Achanakmar	-
8.	Chhattisgarh	Indravati	3
9.	Chhattisgarh	Udanti-Sitanadi	-
10.	Jharkhand	Palamau	-
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Bandhavgarh	124
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Kanha	108
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Panna	31
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Pench	87
15.	Madhya Pradesh	Satpuda	47
16.	Madhya Pradesh	Sanjay-Dubri	6
17.	Maharashtra	Bor	-
18.	Maharashtra	Melghat	49
19.	Maharashtra	Navegaon Nagzira	6
20.	Maharashtra	Pench	82
21.	Maharashtra	Sahyadri	-
22.	Maharashtra	Tadoba	106
23.	Odisha	Satkosia	-
24.	Odisha	Similipal	12
25.	Rajasthan	Mukundra	-
26.	Rajasthan	Ranthambore	55
27.	Rajasthan	Sariska	-
28.	Telangana	Amrabad	9
29.	Telangana	Kawal	-
Western Ghats			

30.	Karnataka	Bandipur	173
31.	Karnataka	Bhadra	38
32.	Karnataka	Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple	86
33.	Karnataka	Anshi Dandeli (Kali)	11
34.	Karnataka	Nagarahole	164
35.	Kerala	Parambikulam	33
36.	Kerala	Periyar	33
37.	Tamil Nadu	Anamalai	25
38.	Tamil Nadu	Kalakad Mundanthurai (KMTR)	8
39.	Tamil Nadu	Mudumalai	162
40.	Tamil Nadu	Sathyamangalam	126
NE Hills and Brahmaputra Plains			
41.	Arunachal Pradesh	Kamlang	-
42.	Arunachal Pradesh	Namdapha	-
43.	Arunachal Pradesh	Pakke	-
44.	Assam	Kaziranga	135
45.	Assam	Manas	31
46.	Assam	Nameri	-
47.	Assam	Orang	21
48.	Mizoram	Dampa	-
49.	West Bengal	Buxa	-
Sundarban			
50.	West Bengal	Sundarban	106