

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1005
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

Human-animal conflict

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

- (a) whether Government has noted the increasing number of wild animals in Schedule 1 and 2 list of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972;
- (b) the number of elephants, tigers, leopards and wild boars in the country since 2020, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) whether the State Governments have any power to amend the standard operating procedure to be followed in the capture or killing of animals in Schedule 1 of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) and (b) The conservation efforts taken over the years have led to increase in the population of several species of wild animals such as tigers, leopards, lions etc.

The details of tiger and leopard population estimation in the country for the year 2022 are at **Annexure-1** and **Annexure-2** respectively. The population estimates of Elephants were last published by the Ministry for the year 2017. The details of population estimates of wild pigs are not collated at the level of the Ministry.

- (c) Hunting of wild animals may be permitted by the Chief Wild Life Wardens of the respective States only in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Annexure-1

Details of tiger estimation pertaining to tiger landscapes in the country, for the year 2022 (As per All India Tiger Estimation Report, 2022)

State	Numbers
Uttarakhand	560
Uttar Pradesh	205
Bihar	54
Andhra Pradesh	63
Telangana	21
Chhattisgarh	17
Madhya Pradesh	785
Maharashtra	444
Odisha	20
Rajasthan	88
Jharkhand	1
Karnataka	563
Kerala	213
Tamil Nadu	306
Goa	5
Assam	229
Arunachal Pradesh	9
West Bengal	103

Annexure-2

Details of leopard estimation pertaining to tiger landscapes in the country for the year 2022

State	Numbers
Bihar	86
Uttarakhand	652
Uttar Pradesh	371
Andhra Pradesh	569
Telangana	297
Chhattisgarh	722
Jharkhand	51
Madhya Pradesh	3,907
Maharashtra	1,985
Odisha	568
Rajasthan	721
Goa	77
Karnataka	1,879
Kerala	570
Tamil Nadu	1,070
Arunachal Pradesh	42
Assam	74
West Bengal	233
