

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1338
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

Guidelines for Investigation of Death of Wild Animals

1338. SHRI YADUVEER WADIYAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any guidelines for wildlife forensics, toxicology tests and field-level documentation in case of unnatural death of wild animals like in Male Mahadeshwara Hills Sanctuary, Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government proposes to strengthen inter-linked tiger habitats in Karnataka through dedicated protection corridors, community vigilance mechanisms and enhanced response systems and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Government of India through the National Tiger Conservation Authority has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to deal with tiger death which *inter-alia* addresses the issues of laboratory related diagnosis and field level documentation.
- (b) The National Tiger Conservation Authority alongwith the Wildlife Institute of India, in letter and spirit of section 38 O (1) (g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 have identified 32 major tiger corridors in the country and published them in a document titled “Connecting Tiger Populations for Long-term Conservation”, for undertaking Tiger Conservation in terms of section 38V of the Act. Government of India has also notified the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) Guidelines, 2012 for management of tigers and their habitats along with Advisories and Standard Operating Procedures. Funding support is provided under the Project Tiger component of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (CSS-IDWH) to tiger range States for conservation of tigers, raising awareness on tiger & other wildlife conservation, habitat management, protection, eco-development, human resource and infrastructure development, voluntary village relocation, which include protection corridors, community vigilance mechanisms and enhanced response systems, as per sanctioned Annual Plan of Operation of the Tiger Reserve.
