

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CENSUS OF WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently conducted census of wildlife, including tigers, at Ranthambore National Park and Sariska Tiger Reserve;

(b) if so, the details thereof : and

(c) the steps are being taken to maintain their strength?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c): Census for Tigers in Ranthambore and Sariska Tiger Reserve was due in 2001, but the same could not be done due to early rains. The census figures for both the Reserves during 1995 and 1997 are as follows.

S.No.	Major Wildlife Species	Ranthambore Tiger Reserve		Sariska Tiger Reserve	
		1995	1997	1995	1997

1. Tiger	38	32	25	24
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2. Leopard	63	79	46	49
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3. Sambar	3419	2939	4800	5600
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4. Chital	4849	4496	2900	2900
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5. Nilgai	2648	1946	4300	4780
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6. Wild Boar	1825	1936	2600	2900
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Studies and observation suggest that there is no declining trend in the population of wild animals including tigers in these reserves. The management and development works are being carried out regularly for the betterment of the parks.