

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

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DEATH OF TIGERS IN RAIL ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tiger has become an easy prey in the Dudhwa National Park through which the railway track passes;
- (b) if so, the number of tigers killed therein including those involved in rail accidents during the last three years and current year; and
- (c) the extent to which the tiger population in the said Park has dwindled since the launching of the project tiger indicating the steps taken to protect the tigers from poachers/other accidents and to promote the endangered species?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Incidence of a tigress getting killed on 22.03.2005 due to rail accident in the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary of Uttar Pradesh, which forms part of the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, has been reported.
- (b) The number of tigers killed in the Dudhwa National Park including those dying due to rail accidents during the last three years are given at Annexure-1.
- (c) The tiger population estimation figures of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve since its inclusion under Project Tiger are at Annexure-2. and the steps taken for protecting tigers from poaching and accidents are at Annexure-3.

Annexure-1

DETAILS ON TIGERS KILLED IN DUDHWA TIGER RESERVE DURING LAST THREE YEARS AS REPORTED BY THE STATE

S. N. Year DETAIL OF CASES

1. 2002-03 A decayed carcass of a tiger was found in the Dudhwa National Park. The post mortem report revealed it as a case of natural death.
2. 2003-04 NIL
3. 2004-05 1. The carcass of a tigress was found in the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, one of the three Protected areas of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve on 1st February, 2005. A case was registered and is under investigation.

2. A tigress was killed in a rail accident in the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, one of the three Protected areas of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve on 22nd March, 2005.

Annexure-2

POPULATION OF TIGERS IN THE DUDHWA TIGER RESERVE AS REPORTED BY THE STATE

S.NO. NAME OF RESERVE 1972 1979 1984 1989 1993 1995 1997 2001-02

1. DUDHWA (UTTAR PRADESH) - - - 90 94 98 104 76#

TOTAL - - - 90 94 98 104 76

Under compliation / vetting

Annexure-3

STEPS TAKEN AT DUDHWA TIGER RESERVE TO PROTECT TIGERS FROM POACHERS/ OTHER ACCIDENTS

1. Surveillance is ensured through patrolling, monitoring of pugmarks and wireless communication.
2. Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.