

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2503  
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PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF TIGER HABITATS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the sinking habitat of tigers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of tiger deaths in the last five years as a result of poaching;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any policy to protect and preserve the tiger habitats; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Government of India has not received any report on sinking tiger habitat from the State Governments.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) The details of tiger deaths during the last five years due to poaching, as reported by the States, are as below:

| Year | No. of Deaths |
|------|---------------|
| 1999 | 21            |
| 2000 | 26            |
| 2001 | 26            |
| 2002 | 10            |
| 2003 | -             |

- (d) & (e) Conservation of tigers and their habitats is ensured through the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, apart from other schemes like `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries` within the ambit of the National Wildlife Action Plan.