

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

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CENSUS FOR RHINOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the census on rhinoceros due for 2004, in Kazhiranga has since been undertaken this year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) As per information received from the State Government, the Rhino Census in Kaziranga National Park was due in 2005 after a period of 6 years since the last census in 1999. Due to heavy rains and other technical reasons, it had to be postponed to the next season i.e. March, 2006. Census has now been conducted from 25th to 27th March, 2006.

(b) The Rhino population as per the census in 2006 in Kaziranga has been estimated as 1855, thereby showing an increasing trend as follows:

No Year of census Population

1. 1991 1129
2. 1993 1164
3. 1999 1552