

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:970  
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SLOTH BEAR IN RANTHAMBORE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the rare Sloth Bear has completely disappeared from Ranthambore forest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. As reported by Government of Rajasthan, the Sloth Bear has not disappeared from Ranthambore forest. 156 Sloth Bears were estimated in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve during the census carried out in 2004.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Even though there is no concern about the Sloth Bear population, as a precautionary measures vigilance in the area has been increased by deploying Rajasthan Armed Constabulary (RAC) and Home Guards along with field staff of Rajasthan Forest Department.