

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3469  
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GAME SANCTUARIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of existing game sanctuaries in the country alongwith the details thereof; State-wise;
- (b) whether the census of wildlife has been made in these game sanctuaries;
- (c) if so, the date on which it was done and the status of wildlife thereof alongwith the details, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for increasing wildlife population in these game sanctuaries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As per reports received from the States there are 96 National Parks and 509 Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country. The State wise details are placed at Annexure I.
- (b) & (c) Yes Sir. The State wise population of the important wild animals of the country, based on the last two census carried out, is placed at Annexure II.
- (d) & (e) Yes Sir. The States are provided financial and technical assistance through three Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for habitat improvement, strengthening infrastructure, research, census, eco development works, etc, all aiming at maintaining a viable population of wildlife in the Protected Areas of the country.