

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

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POPULATION/PROTECTION OF DEER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of deer in the country at present, species-wise;
- (b) whether the number of deer is declining day by day;
- (c) the number of person booked or punished for poaching during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for protection of deer?

Answer

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

- (a) Census figures of all deer species are not compiled and collated at National level. As per information available the population of some important deer /antelope species is placed at Annexure I.
- (b) No such reports of decline in population of deer have been received.
- (c) No such information is collated at Government of India level.
- (d) The steps taken by the Government for protection of deer include:
 1. Species of deer antelopes, depending on their conservation requirement, have been listed under the Schedules of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, affording protection to them.
 2. Necessary technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Government for conservation and development of habitats under Centrally Sponsored Schemes 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'.
 3. Regular patrolling is being done by the States in the protected areas and other areas to ensure adequate protection.
 4. Awareness is also generated among the local communities for conservation of these species.