

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3427**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2020.

**Animals in Wildlife Safaris**

3427. SHRI MOHAN S. DELKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has made any assessment of the number of animals living in wildlife safaris in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the declining number of tourists in such areas can be attributed to declining number of lions in these areas, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the population of lions has declined in the safari area of the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to increase the number of lions in the said safari areas?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

- (a) to (e) Every recognized zoo submits total number of animals in its collection to the Central Zoo Authority in the form of inventory. The details of number of captive animals with respect to exclusive Safaris recognized under Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, as available with the Central Zoo Authority, is as given below:

S.No	Name of Zoo/safari	Animals			
		Male	Female	Unsexed	Total
1	Lion Breeding Centre and Multiple Safari Park, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh	41	37	11	89
2	Lion Safari-Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	2	0	2
3	Ambardi Wildlife Interpretation Zone (Ambardi Safari Park), Gujarat	1	5	0	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>97</b>

No study has been undertaken by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to ascertain the relationship between number of tourists and number of lions in wildlife safari in zoos.

The details of stock of Asiatic Lion maintained at Lion Safari-Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli is as given below:

S.No	Year	Closing Stock			
		Male	Female	Unsexed	Total
1	2015-2016	1	2	0	3
2	2016-2017	2	2	0	4
3	2017-2018	1	2	0	3
4	2018-2019	0	2	0	2

The Zoo-to Zoo exchange programme undertaken with the approval of the Central Zoo Authority helps in augmenting the number of lions in the Safaris.

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