

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2923
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

Attacks by Wild Animals

2923. SHRI AKSHAIBAR LAL:

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

- (a) whether protected area has been established for wild animals like tigers, leopards and Cheetah in Katarniya Ghat Wildlife division in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of wild animals including tigers and leopards in protected forest area currently;
- (c) the number of human deaths/fatalities caused by attacks by wild animals outside the protected area during the last five years;
- (d) the financial assistance provided by the Government to the people killed in such attacks; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to lay barbed fencing and construct walls so as to prevent animals from venturing beyond the protected areas and endanger human lives; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a)and (b) Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary has been established for the conservation of wildlife and its habitat.As per information received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, number of tigers, leopards and elephants estimated in Katarniaghatis as follows:

Species	Number
Tiger	29
Leopard	39
Elephant	70

- (c) As informed by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, the number of human deaths caused due to attack by wild animals outside Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is as follows:

Year	No. of human deaths
2015-2016	0
2016-2017	03
2017-2018	11
2018-2019	07
2019-2020	08

- (d) As informed by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, a sum of Rs 5.00 lakhs each has been paid as *ex-gratia* to 14 affected families from 1.12.2018 to 4.12.2020.
- (e) and (f) As informed by State Government of Uttar Pradesh, there is no such proposal. However, protection measures like erecting chain link fencing and digging of animal proof trenches are being carried out in high conflict areas.
