

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.462**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

**Census on Peacocks**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any census of National bird 'peacock';
- (b) if so, the number of peacocks at present in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the number of peacocks is decreasing in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
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- (a)and(b) Peacocks are commonly found birds, both inside forest areas as well as in agricultural or human habitations. Management and protection of wildlife including birds is the responsibility of the concerned State/Union Territory Governments. Population estimation with respect to certain flagship species/mega fauna is carried out by the State Governments at periodic intervals. The State/UT-wise population of peacocks are not collated in the Ministry.
- (c)and(d) Fluctuation in the population of wildlife is a natural phenomenon, which is generally attributed to biotic factors like predation, natural death, etc and abiotic factors like consumption of pesticide treated seeds etc. There are no reports to indicate the declining trend in the population of peacocks. As per the Red List data published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), peacocks (*Pavo cristatus*) are listed as "least concern".

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