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19 tigers killed in first four months of the year: Jairam

As many as 19 tigers were killed in the country in the first four months of this year, taking the number of tigers below the official figure of 1,411, environment minister Jairam Ramesh informed Lok Sabha on Monday. The highest mortality of three each was reported from Uttarakhand and Kerala, Ramesh said. The minister said that 66 tigers were killed in the country in 2009 while 31 were killed in 2008. Ramesh also apprised the House of the steps taken by his ministry for protection and conservation of tigers in the country.

