

an>

Title: Need to develop Tiger Reserve in Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan-laid.

**SUSHRI DIYA KUMARI (RAJSAMAND):** I would like to use this opportunity to put forth the demand for developing Kumbhalgarh as the 5th potential tiger reserve in Rajasthan. Kumbhalgarh Reserve covers more than 1280 square kilometres which is larger than that of Sariska and has recorded tiger presence in the late 1970s. The prey base at present is sufficient to hold 4 tigers at initial phase and has the potential to hold at least 45 tigers in the coming years. In Ranthambore, the growing tiger population is wandering out of protected areas to find new territory and results in human-tiger conflict. It is very important to develop new tiger reserves while protecting the existing ones. Therefore, it is requested that the government looks into the matter and speeds up the process of tiger introduction at Kumbhalgarh to promote tiger conservation in the country.