GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 33

TO BE ANSWERED ON: 22.07.2024

Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary

33. SHRI CAPTAIN VIRIATO FERNANDES:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to notify Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary as Tiger reserve in view of the reports of tiger sightings in Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary and Mollem National Park;
- (b) whether the State Government of Goa approached the Central Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the response of the Central Government thereto; and
- (d) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has accorded any proposal for creation of a new tiger reserve at Mhadei Sanctuary, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) To (c) On the basis of suitable habitat for tigers and their prey base, the NTCA or Central government communicates to the State governments/UTs for considering submission of proposals for declaring a tiger reserve. However, no proposal from the State of Goa to notify Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary as Tiger reserve has been received so far.
- (d) Does not arise.
