

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSERVATION OF TIGERS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a team of senior UN Officials representing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) visited India to discuss strategies on conservation of tigers;
- (b) if so, details of the strategies discussed and decisions arrived at;
- (c) the details of latest review of the project tiger, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of international assistance so far awaited for the protection of endangered species along with action plan for future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They discussed protection measures in the field as well as control of trade outside forest, and suggested to strengthen field protection units and creation of strike force for the control of trade.

(c) Project Tiger Reserves have been reviewed by experts and members of the Steering Committee for Project Tiger as per details below:

Name of State Tiger Reserve reviewed

Assam	Manas
Bihar	Palamau
Karnataka	Bandipur
Kerala	Periyar
Maharashtra	Melghat
Orissa	Simlipal
Rajasthan	Ranthambore, Sariska
Uttar Pradesh	Corbett, Dudhwa

The major observations of the reviews inter alia include;

1. Inadequate strength of field staff in the tiger reserves.
2. Insurgency and extremism in certain areas.
3. Shortage of resources for enforcement.
4. Need for Management Plans.
5. Need for extension of area of tiger reserves.
6. To divert grazing pressure.

(d) Government of India is implementing scheme of Ecodevelopment in and around National Parks and Sanctuaries. This includes an externally aided component of US\$ 67 million. This said amount is to be used for

1. Strengthening the enforcement infrastructure of the selected Protected Area.
2. Ecodevelopment of people living around the Protected Area.
3. Seeking co-operation of the local people in protection, control of grazing and fire conservancy.