

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW TIGER PROJECTS

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

- (a) the census of tigers in each sanctuary of the country at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to declare/set up any new tiger projects/ sanctuaries/ National Parks in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any proposals in this regard have been received from various States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (f) the action taken on each such proposal;
- (g) whether the proposal for new tiger projects was discussed in the recently held meeting of Steering Committee of Project tiger;
- (h) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (i) the manner in which the villages located on boundaries of these sanctuaries are to be rehabilitated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The All India tiger estimation figures as received from States since 1972 are at Annexure-1.

(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f) The Steering Committee of the Project Tiger, in its 37th meeting held on 23-01-2003, has recommended creation of eight new Tiger Reserves as listed in Annexure-2. Action has been initiated on the proposals received from the states concerned to obtain the approval of the Central Government.

(g)&(h) The Steering Committee of the Project Tiger, in its last 38th meeting held on 12-03-2005, has not favoured creation of new Tiger Reserves. The consensus was for the consolidation of existing reserves as per norms.

(i) Question does not arise.

ANNEXURE-1

POPULATION OF TIGERS IN THE COUNTRY AS REPORTED BY THE STATES

S.NO. NAME OF THE STATE 1972 1979 1984 1989 1993 1997 2001-02##

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	35	148	164	235	197	171	192
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	69	139	219	135	180	#	61###
3	ASSAM	147	300	376	376	325	458	354
4	BIHAR	85	110	138	157	137	103	76
5	CHHATTISGARH	-	-	-	###	###	###	227
6	DELHI	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	GOA	-	-	2	3	6	5	
8	GUJARAT	8	7	9	9	5	1	NIL
9	HARYANA	-	-	1	-	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH				NIL	NIL	NIL	
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR				NIL	NIL	NIL	
12	JHARKHAND	-	-	-	###	###	###	34
13	KARNATAKA	102	156	202	257	305	350	401
14	KERALA	60	134	89	45	57	73	71
15	MADHYA PRADESH	457	529	786	985	912	927	710

16 MAHARASHTRA 160 174 301 417 276 257 238
 17 MANIPUR 1 10 6 31 # # NIL
 18 MEGHALAYA 32 35 125 34 53 # 47
 19 MIZORAM - 65 33 18 28 12 28
 20 NAGALAND 80 102 104 104 83 # 23
 21 ORISSA 142 173 202 243 226 194 173
 22 PUNJAB - - - - NIL NIL NIL
 23 RAJASTHAN 74 79 96 99 64 58 58
 24 SIKKIM - - 2 4 2 # NR
 25 TAMIL NADU 33 65 97 95 97 62 60
 26 TRIPURA 7 6 5 - NR # NR
 27 UTTARANCHAL - - - - ##### ##### 251
 28 UTTAR PRADESH 262 487 698 735 465 475 284
 29 WEST BENGAL 73 296 352 353 335 361 349

TOTAL 1827 3015 4005 4334 3750 3508 3642

N.R. Not reported by State.
 # Tiger census was not carried out.
 ## Under compilation/vetting
 ### Only for Namdapha Tiger Reserve.
 #### Figures included in undivided State.
 Entire state not covered.

ANNEXURE-2

LIST OF THE PROPOSED NEW TIGER RESERVES

Sl. No.	Name of the proposed new Tiger Reserve	State
1.	Anamalai -Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu & Kerala
2.	Udanti and Sita Nadi Wildlife Sanctuaries	Chattisgarh
3.	Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary	Orissa
4.	Kaziranga National Park	Assam
5.	Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary	Chattisgarh
6.	Dandeli-Anshi Sanctuary	Karnataka
7.	Sanjay National Park and Sanjay Dubri Wildlife Sanctuary Madhya Pradesh	
8.	Mudumalai Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu