GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5503 ANSWERED ON:02.05.2005 NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION INVOLVED IN TIGER CENSUS Nayak Shri Ananta

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

- (a) the frequency of conducting census of tigers and leopards in Tiger Reserves of the country; and
- (b) the details of wildlife organisations from Non-Governmental sector who assisted and associated with the forest authorities for conducting census of tigers during 2004, State-wise and Tiger Reserve-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) States conduct estimation of tigers, leopards and other wild animals in their tiger reserves annually or biannually. However, the all India tiger census is done once in four years, and the last such estimation was conducted during 2001-02.
- (b) Several States involve Non-governmental Organisations in census of tigers, and such details are not collated at the Government of India level.