

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4687
ANSWERED ON:22.05.2006
EXPANSION OF TIGER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has plans to extend the Tiger Project and sanctuaries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan regarding rehabilitation of habitants of extended areas of projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether provision regarding providing pasture for the livestock of migrants has been made in the action plan?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) 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-1. Action has been initiated on the proposals received from the states concerned to obtain the approval of the Central Government. Further the Steering Committee of the Project Tiger, in its last 38th meeting held on 12-04-2005, has not favoured creation of new Tiger Reserves. The consensus was for the consolidation of existing reserves as per norms.

(c),(d)&(e) The Wildlife Institute of India has been entrusted with the task of assessing the core areas of tiger reserves where village relocation has to be undertaken, in addition to other protected areas of the country within a timeframe. Simultaneously, action has been taken for developing a model involuntary village relocation/rehabilitation package through professional agencies.

ANNEXURE-1

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4687 REGARDING EXPANSION OF TIGER PROJECT DUE FOR REPLY ON 22.05.2006

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