

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:44
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2007
DEVELOPMENT OF SIMPLIPAL RESERVE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any step to develop the Simlipal Forest in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop Simlipal and Darin Bari Forest as National Park/wildlife sanctuary;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of fund allocated by the Government and results obtained therefrom, as on date?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Similipal Tiger Reserve has been declared during 1973-74, over an area of 2750 sq. km. of forests.

(c), (d) & (e) The State has declared around 2200 sq. km. of Similipal Tiger Reserve as a Wildlife Sanctuary, with a subsequent intention to notify around 845.70 sq. km. of the same, as a National Park. This Ministry is not aware of any proposal of the State Government to declare Darin Bari Forest as a National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary.

(f) Details of fund allocated to Similipal Tiger Reserve under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during the last two years along with utilization done by the State are at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 44 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SIMPLIPAL RESERVE DUE FOR REPLY ON 26.02.2007

S.No.	Name of Release	#Utilization	Release	#Utilization
Tiger Reserve	2004-05	2004-05	2005-06	2005-06

1. Similipal 116.4395 149.949 80.00 104.65

#Includes utilization for Central as well as State's allocation under the scheme.