

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

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CBI REPORT ON SARISKA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are no tigers left in Sariska as reported to have been told by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;`
- (c) the action the Government has taken or proposes to take against those who are found responsible for this;
- (d) whether any action plan has been made to revive Sariska as it is famous for tigers all over the world; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Special Investigation Team of the Central Bureau of Investigation, in their preliminary assessment report, has indicated that there is no evidence of the presence of tiger in Sariska and the entire population seems to have become extinct primarily because of poaching. They have also informed that since July, 2002 at least 2-3 organized networks of poachers were involved in poaching of : tigers & leopards in the tiger reserve.
- (c) The CBI has been directed to investigate the disappearance of tigers from Sariska through a Special Investigation Team (SIT). The gamut of investigation covers the possible role of criminals (poachers) and the possible connivance of Forest Department staff.
- (d)&(e) The State Government has been asked to formulate a detailed action plan for Sariska Tiger Reserve in consultation with the Wildlife Institute of India for recovery initiatives.