

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIRING OF EX- SERVICEMEN FOR PROTECTION OF TIGER RESERVES

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to hire Ex-servicemen for protection of tiger reserves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the terms and conditions on which the services of these ex-servicemen will be taken;
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this scheme; and
- (e) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e) Central Assistance to tiger range States, under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger is provided for protection which interalia, includes deployment of ex-army personnel/homeguard and native work force in tiger reserves. While ex-army personnel/homeguard deployment has been done by a few States, action has been taken for providing additional funding support for such deployment in several other sensitive areas to further strengthen field protection.