

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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METHODOLOGY FOR COUNTING OF TIGERS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether 15 out of 17 States have failed to file their primary census data with regard to tiger population;
- (b) if so, the list of States which have filed their census data and which have not yet filed the same and the details of the tiger population in each State;
- (c) whether any scientific methodology for counting of tigers has been put in place leading to more accurate projection of tiger population;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when the final report of the tiger census is likely to be ready?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No Sir. The Phase-I data pertaining to the refined All India tiger estimation process, standardized by Project Tiger (now the National Tiger Conservation Authority), has been received from all the 17 tiger range States of the country. At present tiger estimation figures pertaining to only four States (Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chattisgarh) have been finalized, which are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. The All India tiger estimation process has been refined by Project Tiger (now the National Tiger Conservation Authority), in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India, based on a pilot study. The Tiger Task Force constituted by the National Board for Wildlife has approved this process, which has been adopted for the country level estimation of tigers.

(e) The final report relating to the All India tiger estimation is likely to be ready by the end of December, 2007.