

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

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US SUPPORT TO PROTECT INDIA S WILD TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US has offered support to protect India's wild tigers through collaborative efforts between the two countries as reported in the 'Hindu' dated November 7, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the India and US have agreed to co-operate with each other against wild-life trafficking;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No such offer has been received.

(c) to (e) India, along with the United States of America and United Kingdom has joined the 'Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking', which is a global coalition of governments and international business and conservation organizations working together to support each others efforts to end the illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products. A preparatory meeting was held on 20th and 21st November, 2006 in London, which was followed by the meeting of the Ministerial Partners of the Coalition on 10th February, 2007.