

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

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CREATION OF NEW TIGER RESERVES

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up new Tiger Reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified for the purpose;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (d) the time by which these reserves are likely to be set up;
- (e) whether there is also a proposal to upgrade all the National Parks in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The National Tiger Conservation Authority has accorded in-principle approval for creation of four new Tiger Reserves namely Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh, Sunabeda in Orissa, Sahayadri in Maharashtra and Ratapani in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) & (d) State Governments are required to submit a detailed proposal in this regard, as required in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, which would form the basis for site-specific Tiger Conservation Plan and cost estimate for development/maintenance.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Question does not arise.