

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

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CONDITIONS OF TIGERS IN NATIONAL PARKS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the deadly diseases among tigers in the tiger reserves, resulting in the decline of their population;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to ensure better co-ordination between the management of tiger reserves and wildlife health experts;
- (c) whether tigers in some national parks are not being fed properly and looked after particularly in Kanha National Park;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve the situation?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No such report has been received.
- (b) While some tiger reserves have a veterinarian in their establishment, by and large, the services of local veterinary department is availed as and when required.
- (c) Tigers in tiger reserves are not fed manually, but they feed on the natural prey animals present in their habitat. The improvement of wildlife habitat and their protection are main components of wildlife management, based on site specific management plans. No report relating to Kanha National Park, as indicated, has come to light.
- (d) & (e) Question does not arise.