

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:34
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2010
TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the Tiger Reserves including the Palamau Tiger Reserve are in a state of deterioration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the condition of these Tiger Reserves?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a), (b) & (c):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 34 ON TIGER RESERVES DUE FOR REPLY ON 24.2.2010.

(a) & (b) Out of 39 tiger reserves in the country, as many as six are disturbed on account of extremist engineered disturbances, which include : Palamau (Jharkhand), Valmiki (Bihar), Similipal (Orissa), Namdapha (Arunachal Pradesh), Nagarjunasagar Srisailem (Andhra Pradesh) and Indravati (Chhattisgarh).

(c) Special teams, consisting of experts outside the Government system, were sent to these tiger reserves for an appraisal of tiger status, protection efforts in vogue, administrative/ecological problems and managerial issues, soliciting suggestions for restoring the area and eliciting local support to strengthen protection. The reports received from these teams have been sent to the respective Chief Ministers for needful action. Further, reserve specific advisories have been issued for stepping up protection, managerial actions, while addressing the issue of low population of tigers / prey animals, under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger. A copy of the milestone initiatives taken for strengthening tiger conservation in the country is at Annexure-I.