

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to carry out a fresh count of the tiger population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether seventeen tiger States have agreed to launch massive wildlife census simultaneously to come up with an accurate estimate of the tiger population in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the census is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) Yes Sir. Action has been initiated for conducting the all India tiger estimation using the refined methodology, as a collaborative initiative between the National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Institute of India, 17 tiger States and Non-Governmental Experts. The process is likely to be completed by the year end.