

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

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WORLD BANK AID FOR TIGERS

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

- (a) whether the World Bank has offered financial support for the protection of tigers in the country;
- (b) if so, the quantum of funds offered;
- (c) whether the Government proposes not to seek financial support from the World Bank for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) India is participating in the "Global Tiger Initiative" of the World Bank to the extent of building up the capacity of knowledge institutions involved in the field of wildlife management and forestry, apart from participating in events like the pre-summit tiger workshop and the Global Tiger Summit. The platform of Global Tiger Initiative may be used for disseminating / exchange of good practices amongst the tiger range countries, apart from addressing cross border illegal wildlife trade issues. However, the said initiative would not be used as a field project for tiger conservation in States.