

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

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WORLD BANK S INITIATIVE FOR TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has taken any initiative to strengthen and expand tiger reserves across various countries including India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government to stop the illegal trade of tigers and their poaching?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The World Bank has launched a "Global Tiger Initiative" (GTI) in collaboration with Global Environment Facility (GEF), International Tiger Coalition (ITC), Smithsonian Institution and several tiger range countries with an objective to stabilize and restore populations of wild tiger and associated habitats / landscapes to a sustainable level.

(c) The milestone initiatives taken by the Government of India to check illegal trade of tigers and poaching are at Annexure-I.