

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:566  
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2010  
FENCING OF TIGER RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the population of tigers has declined in the country over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from various State Governments including Madhya Pradesh regarding fencing and other safety measures for the tiger reserves;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared; and
- (e) the remedial steps being taken by the Government to check the reducing number of tigers in the country?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 566 ON FENCING OF TIGER RESERVES DUE FOR REPLY ON 05.05.2010.

(a) & (b) As per the findings of the recent All India tiger estimation in 2008 using the refined methodology, the total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The State-wise tiger population and area of tiger occupied landscapes are indicated in Annexure-I. The new findings are based on spatial occupancy of tigers and sampling such forests using camera traps in a statistical framework, which is not comparable to the earlier total count using pugmarks.

(c) & (d) A proposal seeking central assistance amounting to Rs. 3910.10 lakh has been received from the State of Madhya Pradesh which, inter alia, includes in-situ build up of tiger population within a fenced enclosure in the Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve. The State has been advised to incorporate the same in the Annual Plan proposal of the said reserve for the year 2010-11 towards needful action under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger.

(e) The milestone initiatives taken by the Government to protect the tiger are at Annexure-II.