

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CORE AREAS OF TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the Core Areas and Buffer Zones in the Tiger Reserves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of present Core Areas and Buffer Zone Areas in the Tiger Reserve, square kilometer-wise, with special reference to the Corbett Tiger Reserve;
- (d) the role and participation of Tiger Conservation Foundation in the Tiger Reserves; and
- (e) the details of the Tiger Conservation Foundation in the Corbett Tiger Reserve?

Answer

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

- (a), (b) & (c) Under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, a tiger reserve consists of core or critical tiger habitat and buffer or peripheral area. An area of 31207.11 sq.km. has been notified by 16 tiger range States (out of 17) as core or critical tiger habitat including the Corbett Tiger Reserve. Besides, 'in-principle' approval has been accorded for creation of three new tiger reserves namely, Ratapani in Madhya Pradesh, Sunabeda in Orissa and Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The details of notified core and buffer areas are at Annexure-I.
- (d) The reserve specific Tiger Conservation Foundations are constituted under the enabling provisions contained in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, to facilitate and support the management of reserves for conservation of tiger and biodiversity, and to take initiatives in ecodevelopment, by involvement of people in such development process.
- (e) As reported by the State, Tiger Conservation Foundation has not been constituted in the Corbett Tiger Reserve.