GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3957 ANSWERED ON:18.08.2010 JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash;Singh Baba Shri K.C.

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

- (a) whether there has been manifold increase in the tourists visiting Jim Corbett National Park;
- (b) if so, the number of tourists both domestic and foreign, who have visited this park in each of the last three years alongwith the income earned on this account;
- (c) whether the Government now proposes to restrict tourists visiting this park to maintain healthy environment for wildlife; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) As reported by the State, details of tourist visitation in the Corbett Tiger Reserve and the revenue earned, during the last three years, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) The State has been advised for regulating the tourism related commercial activities in the area, besides declaring the surround of Corbett Tiger Reserve as ecologically sensitive under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, in the interest of wildlife conservation. Further, advisories have been issued to tiger States including Uttarakhand, for regulating tourist visitation in tiger reserves vis-Ã -vis the carrying capacity.