

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION IN NATIONAL PARK

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

- (a) whether air and noise pollution in national parks including the Corbett National Park has been noticed during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this has resulted in stress and poor breeding of tigers; and
- (d) the remedial action taken by the Government to prevent air and noise pollution in these parks?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Reports relating to disturbance of wildlife habitat/corridor around Corbett Tiger Reserve on account of tourism infrastructure have come to light. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has not specifically monitored ambient air quality and noise levels in National Parks. As per the information provided by Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, there is no air or noise pollution inside the Corbett National Park in the last one year. Poor breeding of tigers in the Corbett National Park has also not been observed.

(d) A number of precautionary measures have been implemented in the Corbett National Park. These include, restriction on the number of vehicles allowed inside the park, enforcement of speed limits for vehicles, checking of 'Pollution Under Control Certificate' in local vehicles, ban on smoking, blowing of horns and playing of transistor or radio within park area. The concerned authorities have been advised by the National Tiger Conservation Authority to regulate the tourism related commercial activities in the Corbett Tiger Reserve area. Further, advisories have been issued to tiger range States including Uttarakhand, for regulating tourist visitation in tiger reserves vis-à-vis the carrying capacity.