

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4636  
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BANDIPUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE RESERVE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bandipur National Wildlife Reserve has been elevated to international standards;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to add new animals to the present population under this project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) An area of 872.24 sq.km. has been notified by the State of Karnataka as the core/critical tiger habitat of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, which includes the old National Park area. Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided for protection and management of the said tiger reserve vis-À-vis the guidelines of Project Tiger.