

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

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

- (a) whether a large number of tigers are living outside the tiger reserve area in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/location-wise?
- (c) whether the Government is actively thinking of relocating these tigers to the tiger-reserves;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the findings of the recent All India tiger estimation in 2008 using the refined methodology as recommended by the Tiger Task Force, done in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and tiger States, 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 said findings indicate a poor status of tiger population in areas outside tiger reserves and protected areas.

(c) No Sir.

(d) & (e) Question does not arise.