

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2430  
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CONSERVATION OF VALMIKI TIGER RESERVE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total area of Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar;
- (b) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority has provided special assistance to this reserve due to uniqueness as it shares contiguity with Royal Chitwan National Park of Nepal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the NTCA propose to involve the Tharu community in conservation of this reserve; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) The total area of Valmiki Tiger Reserve is 840 sq.km. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, an amount of Rs. 160.355 lakhs has been provided to the said reserve during the current financial year for tiger conservation. This, interalia, includes ecodevelopment to benefit local communities for eliciting their support towards conservation. The details of central assistance provided to the Valmiki Tiger Reserve during the Plan period are at Annexure-I.