

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing financial assistance to 37 tiger reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to announce four new Tiger Projects in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) Yes Sir.Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, the Ministry of Environment and Forests is providing funding support to 17 tiger range States in the country, for in-situ conservation of tiger in the 37 designated tiger reserves. Details of funding support provided to States under Project Tiger, during the last 3 years and the current year are at Annexure-I.
- (d) & (e) Yes Sir.The National Tiger Conservation Authority has accorded 'in-principle' approval for creation of four new Tiger Reserves namely, Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh, Sunabeda in Orissa, Sahyadri in Maharashtra and Ratapani in Madhya Pradesh.