

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2979
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SETTING UP OF CENTRE FOR TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Govindgarh of Madhya Pradesh is famous across the world for breeding of white tigers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposal of this much awaited centre is lying pending with the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The first wild caught white tiger in 1951, reared in the Govindgarh Fort (Madhya Pradesh), was the founder for the white tiger population. As recorded, there are 92 white tigers housed in 20 zoos in the country, as on 31st March, 2010.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Question does not arise.
- (e) The Central Zoo Authority, in its meeting held in June, 2010, has given 'in-principle' approval for the conservation breeding of white tiger at Govindgarh.