

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

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

- (a) the total number of Tiger reserves in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to sanction 'B.R. Hills' and 'Kudremukh' reserves as the Tiger reserves in the country;
- (c) if so, the total number of families are residing inside the 'B.R. Hills' and 'Kudremukh reserves' and the measures taken by the Government for the rehabilitation;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to supply free LPG connection and cylinders to the people in order to save the forest wood; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government to save the forests in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) There are 40 tiger reserves in the country. The details are at Annexure-I.
- (b) The Biligiri Ranganatha Temple Sanctuary has already been notified by the State as a Tiger Reserve, while 'in-principle' approval has been accorded by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for constituting the Kudremukh Tiger Reserve.
- (c) As reported by the State, there are 504 families residing in the Biligiri Ranganatha Temple Tiger Reserve, and 1339 families in the Kudremukh National Park. The package for voluntary village relocation / rehabilitation from the core / critical tiger habitat has been enhanced to Rs. 10 lakh / family in the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger.
- (d) & (e) The funding support is provided to States based on their Annual Plan of Operation / Tiger Conservation Plan, which interalia includes provisions to reduce the dependency of fringe people on natural resources.