

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any new strategy for protection of white tigers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of white tigers available in the country as on date as well as the names of the sanctuaries wherein they have been kept;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for protection of the white tigers in the Maand forests of Mukundpur in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Central Zoo Authority has accorded 'in-principle' approval for conservation breeding of white tiger in Madhya Pradesh.
- (c) As per Central Zoo Authority, there are 91 white tigers housed in 21 different Indian zoos as on March, 2011.
- (d) & (e) The Central Zoo Authority has initiated action for the setting up a conservation breeding centre for white tiger at Govindgarh in Rewa (Madhya Pradesh) through the State of Madhya Pradesh.