

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

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ECO SENSITIVE ZONE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Corbett Tiger Reserve buffer area has been notified as recommended by the National Tiger Conservation Authority;
- (b) if so, whether the areas of Ramnagar, Lansdowne and the West Terai division have been included therein;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the buffer area is proposed to be declared as an eco-sensitive Zone under the Environment Act, 1986; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) The State Government has notified an area of 466.32 sq.km. as the buffer zone of the Corbett Tiger Reserve, which does not include Ramnagar, Lansdowne and the West Terai divisions. The State has been advised to include the said areas as a part of the buffer zone of the Corbett Tiger Reserve.
- (d) & (e) Advisories have been issued to States for declaring the buffer / peripheral areas of tiger reserves as eco-sensitive under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.