

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:771
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PROTECTION OF NILGIRI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the unauthorised operation of stone quarrying in a sensitive zone of Biligirirangaswamy Temple (BST) Tiger Reserve has been posing serious threat to Nilgiri Tiger Reserves and endangering the lives of animals in the protected zone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect this Tiger reserve?

Answer

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

- (a) As reported by the State, there are no stone quarries operating inside the Biligiri Ranganatha Swamy Temple Tiger Reserve.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) Funding assistance under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger is provided to the Biligiri Ranganatha Swamy Temple Tiger Reserve for protection and management.