

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6011
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TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of tigers are found in Sathyamangalam forests in Erode district, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to declare Sathyamangalam forests as tiger reserves and provide central assistance on declaration of tiger reserve;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Presence of 18-19 tigers have been reported by the State in the Sathyamangalam Forest Division.
- (c), (d) & (e) The 'in-principle' approval has been accorded by the National Tiger Conservation Authority to declare "Sathyamangalam" as a new tiger reserve to enable the Central Government to provide funding assistance under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger.