

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

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FOREST AREA UNDER TIGER RESERVE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to annexe Ponnambalamedu and its surrounding forest areas in Kerala under the Goodrickial range of the Ranni forest division to the Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the transfer of land to PTR; and
- (d) the time by which this area will be handed over to the Forest Range Officials?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) As reported by the State, the Government of Kerala has transferred an area of 148 sq.km. from the Goodrickal Range of Ranni Forest Division to the Periyar Tiger Reserve in January, 2012.