

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

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CREATION OF PROTECTION FORCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Tiger Reserves on the recommendation of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) formed 'Special Tiger Protection Force' in the country;
- (b) whether the NTCA has identified Corbett National Park and Rajaji National Park in the State of Uttarakhand for Special Tiger Protection Force;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) As reported by States, the Special Tiger Protection Force has been constituted in Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka), Pench Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra) and Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve
- (b) & (c) Based on tiger abundance and vulnerability, 13 Tiger Reserves in the country have been identified for raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force, which, inter alia includes the Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand.
- (d) The Rajaji National Park is not a Tiger Reserve hence, the said National Park has not been identified for the Special Tiger Protection Force.
- (e) An amount of Rs. 93 lakhs has been released to the State of Uttarakhand for raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force in the Corbett Tiger Reserve.