

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has directed the States to improve the facilities and food quality to attract more tourists to the National Parks and Tiger reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the funds provided and spent to each State during the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan period, year-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The 'guidelines for Eco-tourism in and around Protected Areas' have been finalized, which, interalia, includes aspects of fostering sustainable eco-tourism.
- (c) The details of funding assistance provided to States under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during the XI and XII Plan period, which interalia, includes assistance for promoting eco-tourism are at Annexure-I.