

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3578
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CLOSURE OF TIGER SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether number of Tiger Sanctuaries have been closed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of Tiger Sanctuaries have been closed recently in various states including Tamil Nadu along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its interim order dated 24.07.2012 in a Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No. 21339/2011, Ajay Dubey versus National Tiger Conservation Authority & others has banned tourism in core areas of tiger reserves in the country. The matter is sub-judice.