

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:933
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SETTING UP OF SPTF
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals to set up Special Protection Tiger Force (SPTF) from the States for the safety of tigers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise along with the number of officers and jawans in this Tiger Force; and
- (c) the time by which the force is likely to start functioning?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir. The State Governments of Karnataka and Maharashtra have submitted proposals for funding support to the Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) constituted by them.
- (b) The State-wise details of STPF along with the composition are at Annexure-I.
- (c) The STPF units are operational in Karnataka and Maharashtra.