GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2297 ANSWERED ON:11.03.2013 SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AT ENVIRONMENTALLY VULNERABLE PLACES Gowda Shri D.B. Chandre; Jeyadural Shri S. R.

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install Solar Surveillance System at environmentally vulnerable places, bird sanctuaries/national parks to detect sand and stone miners as well as poachers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the places where such systems are to be installed and the details of the time line for completion of this project; and
- (c) the response of the State Governments in this regard and the likely expenditure to be incurred thereon?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c) A pilot initiative of electronic surveillance ("e-Eye"), using long range, intelligent thermal and infrared cameras, has been implemented in the southern part of the Corbett Tiger Reserve for 24X7 surveillance to strengthen protection. The said initiative has been successfully implemented and well received by the State. Funding assistance is provided to the States under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger based on their demands as reflected in the respective Annual Plans of Operations for such efforts.