

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

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FUNDS FOR PROMOTION OF WILDLIFE HABITATS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to promote Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be allocated in this regard, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (c) the total amount spent on protecting the tigers during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' for protection and conservation of wildlife and its habitats in the country has been prepared and is being implemented by the Ministry. During the current financial year, 2013-14, an amount of Rs. 78.50 crores has been allocated under the scheme. The funds would be released to the State/Union Territory Governments on the receipt of Annual Plans of Operation (APOs) from them.

(c) Details of financial assistance provided to State Governments for protection and management of tigers including other wildlife in tiger reserves under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during the last three years are given in the Annexure. No fund has been released during the current financial year, 2013-14.