

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

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

(a) whether the Government has taken a note of the damages done by the Naxalites to the tigers and the security equipment meant for protecting the tigers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Damage to antipoaching camps, offices, rest houses and communication towers by Naxalites was reported only in the Similipal Tiger Reserve of Odisha during 2009. A special team was sent by the National Tiger Conservation Authority, for a field appraisal in this regard, and under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided for protection and management of the Similipal Tiger Reserve. Further, under the said Scheme, 100% central assistance has been provided for raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force.