

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

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CHECK ON DEATHS OF TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of tigers have died in the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra during the last ten months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has ordered any enquiry regarding deaths of tigers in large number in the said Reserve;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any steps have been taken to protect the tigers in the said Tiger Reserve in view of the increasing number of tiger deaths in the said Reserve; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Details of tiger deaths inside the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, as reported by the State, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) A team was sent by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for an appraisal of tiger deaths in the State, besides advising the State for detailed investigation on tiger deaths and preventive measures.
- (e) & (f) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided for protection and conservation of tigers and other wild animals. Further, 100% financial support is also provided for raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force in the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve.