

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MONITORING OF TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed Phase-IV Monitoring in Tiger Reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof;
- (c) the details of the areas need to be strengthened in various Tiger Reserves;
- (d) whether the Government has strengthened its bilateral cooperation with neighbouring and other countries on tiger and leopard conservation;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) the extent to which various projects in the country have been benefited from such cooperation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Phase-IV monitoring in tiger reserves was reviewed in 2012. The said monitoring is being implemented in all tiger reserves as per protocol issued in this regard.

(c), (d), (e) & (f) The Phase-IV monitoring has been strengthened in areas with low tiger density, and those affected by left wing extremism (where camera trapping is not feasible) by prescribing DNA analysis from scats for obtaining the minimum tiger number. India has a bilateral understanding with Nepal on controlling trans-boundary illegal trade in wildlife and conservation, apart from a protocol on tiger conservation with China. A protocol has been signed in September, 2011 with Bangladesh for conservation of the Royal Bengal Tiger of the Sundarban. A sub-group on tiger and leopard conservation has been constituted for cooperation with the Russian Federation. The said bilaterals have strengthened tiger conservation.