GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:90 ANSWERED ON:05.08.2013 PROVISION OF RADIO COLLARS TO TIGERS Meghe Shri Datta Raghobaji

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

- (a) whether the Government has tagged radio collars to the tigers being reared up in various wildlife sanctuaries in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of these animals thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is collecting data in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) Yes Sir. Radio collars are used for monitoring the movement / social dynamics of tigers in several tiger reserves like Sundarbans (West Bengal), Dudhwa (Uttar Pradesh), Sariska, Ranthambhore (Rajasthan), Kanha, Pench, Panna and Satpura (Madhya Pradesh), as a part of active management, as and when required. Such data is used by the tiger reserve management for monitoring, with a view to strengthen tiger conservation.