

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

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JOINT RESEARCH ON HIMALAYAN GLACIERS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and China have agreed to conduct joint research on protection of Himalayan Glaciers, and conservation of forest reserves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether two sides have also agreed to share their expertise on issues relating to protection and conservation of tiger and Tibetan antelopes and to enhance forest reserves;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the progress made so far in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) India and China have signed an Agreement on cooperation on addressing climate change that covers, inter-alia, cooperation in observation and monitoring of climate change and undertaking mutually cooperative activities and programmes as appropriate. One of the cooperative activities under this agreement is to undertake joint research and developmental activities.
- (c) to (e) India has bilateral protocol with China, which, inter-alia, stipulates measures to curb illegal activities involved in poaching of tigers, smuggling and selling of tiger bones and other parts of tiger as well as its derivatives.