

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF UID NUMBERS TO TIGERS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority proposes to assign a Unique Identification Number (UID) to each tiger captured through camera traps in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the manner in which UID will be assigned to the tigers;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to allot UID numbers to Royal Bengal Tigers in reserve forests; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the status of implementation of the programme, Reserve-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a)to (e) The National Tiger Conservation Authority has developed a detailed protocol for establishing a National Repository of Camera Trap Photographs of Tigers (NRCTPT), which has been communicated to States. The said protocol has provision for providing an ID to each individual tiger. Action has been taken for building up the NRCTPT with the 635 camera trap pictures of individual tigers collected during the 2010 country level status assessment of tigers and tiger reserve level Phase-IV monitoring in an ongoing manner, in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and tiger States.