

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

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

- (a) whether the Indian Wildlife Institute has completed the assessment of core regions of tiger reserves including the Sariska Tiger Reserve;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the details of the villages/families to be re-located for the purpose and compensation paid/likely to be paid to the relocated villagers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Wildlife Institute of India, jointly with the National Tiger Conservation Authority, has carried out the All India Tiger Estimation using the refined methodology, which, inter alia, encompasses the core areas of tiger reserves, including Sariska. As per the findings of this assessment / estimation in 2008, the total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The State-wise tiger population and area of tiger occupied landscapes are indicated in Annexure-I.

(c) Based on the proposals received from States, central assistance under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger has been provided to States for relocation of villages from the core / critical tiger habitat of tiger reserves. The details for the plan period are at Annexure-II. The guidelines of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger have been revised which, inter alia, include enhanced village relocation / rehabilitation package of Rs. 10 lakhs/family.