

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER TO TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority has come forward to allot Unique Identification (UID) numbers to tigers in the reserve forests of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b) & (c) Based on a decision taken in the 7th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority in October, 2011, detailed protocol for establishing a National Repository of Camera Trap Photographs of Tigers (NRCTPT) has been firmed up through a committee comprising of, inter alia, experts and scientists, which has been communicated to tiger States. The said protocol has provision for providing an ID to each individual tiger. Action was taken for building up the NRCTPT with the 635 camera trap photographs of individual tigers collected during the 2010 country level status assessment of tigers, done in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and tiger States. The number of camera trap photographs of individual tigers collected during 2014 country level status assessment has gone up to 1540.