

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Royal Bengal Tigers would also be covered under the scheme of allotting Unique Identification (UID) numbers to tigers in reserve forests in the country;
- (b) if so, the plan of action decided upon by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for implementing the programme; and
- (c) the status and details of implementation of the programme, State-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes Sir. 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. 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 tiger collected during the 2010 country level status assessment of tigers, done in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and tiger States. Similarly, total of 1540 individual tiger photographs has been collected during 2014 country level status assessment of tigers. The programme has been implemented in all the tiger states, inter alia, including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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