

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

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TIGER PROTECTION FORCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some States have created special Tiger Protection Force in their respective States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the proposals received by the Union Government from the States for financial and technical assistance in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon and the funds allocated and released for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has also received a proposal from the Rajasthan Government for creation of Rajiv Gandhi Bio-sphere Reserve for development of animal corridor to prevent animal-human conflict; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Special Tiger Protection Force is currently operational in States of Karnataka (Bandipur Tiger Reserve), Maharashtra (Tadoba-Andhari and Pench Tiger Reserves) and Odisha (Similipal Tiger Reserve), with 100% support under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger. Proposal has been received from the State of Maharashtra for deployment of Special Tiger Protection Force in Melghat, Nawegaon-Nagzira and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves.
- (c) Funds allocated and released for the said purpose under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during the last three years and the current year, State-wise are at Annexure-I.
- (d) & (e) The State Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal for designating catchments of Chambal river and its tributaries as Rajiv Gandhi Biosphere Reserve. The State is required to provide additional details.