

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:516  
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TIGER PROTECTION FORCE  
Singh Shri Dushyant

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals for setting up of Special Tiger Protection Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise;
- (c) whether a proposal has been sent to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for raising of a Special Tiger Protection Force in Sariska Tiger Reserve;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated for the same?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) 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. In-principle approval of the Government of India has been accorded for raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force in Melghat and Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserves of Maharashtra.
- (c), (d) & (e) Funding support for Special Tiger Protection Force, interalia, has been sought by the State for Sariska Tiger Reserve during the current financial year. The State has been advised for a detailed proposal vis-À-vis the guidelines issued in this regard.