

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to link all the tiger reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the tiger reserves proposed to be linked; and
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be started and completed?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) Many tiger reserves already have natural forest / topographical linkages, owing to natural geographical disposition. The National Tiger Conservation Authority / Project Tiger has issued guidelines for restoration of such linkages in tiger reserve specific Tiger Conservation Plan as required under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. This is an 'inclusive strategy' to benefit local people and wild animals including the tiger.