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Title : Need to evolve a clear policy for the protection of tigers in Sunderbans Tiger Reserve.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR): I wish to bring to the notice of the Government regarding the population as well as the plight of tigers – our National Animal – in the country. Though there are a number of Tiger Reserves in the country, they are likely to be empty reserves in the coming years if the Government shall not adopt clear policies and methods in saving the tigers.

It is reported that census of tigers are undertaken from time to time. But the procedure being adopted for these census are not bearing fruitful results as these results would not lead to save the tigers. First of all, Tiger Reserves are of national importance bringing foreign exchange through visiting foreign tourists as well as from tourism point of view. Sundarbans is also one of such Tiger Reserve wherein the census of tigers was held recently.

Therefore, I demand the Government to inform the correct position of Tigers in Sundarbans and the steps being taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the Tigers in Sundarbans through laying down clear policies and census methods.

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