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Title: h Need to allocate more funds for the BRT Tiger Reserve.

SHRI R. DHYUVANARAYANA (CHAMARAJANAGAR): The BRT Tiger Reserve in my Constituency having an area of 574.83 Sq.Kms. is the pristine habitat for tiger and is a part of the most promising Tiger landscape in the World. The present tiger density in the reserve is 10.21/100 Sq.km. which indicates the presence of healthy Tiger population and consequent demands for their protection.

The management issues in the tiger reserve like protection against hunting/poaching and fire, habitat improvement, man-animal conflicts etc. requires sufficient budget and timely release of funds. However, every year there is a difference between the sanctioned and the released funds. Over the years, there is decrease in budget allotment which is affecting the management/protection issues of the Tiger reserve.

During 2013-14, Rs.188.360 lakh were released out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 235.452 lakh. During 2014-15 Rs.148.2286 lakh were released out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 185.286 lakh and during 2015-16 till date Rs.1 16.058 lakh were released out. of sanctioned amount of Rs. 145.0727 lakh.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to take up the issue on priority basis and help the BRT reserve to get sufficient allotment and timely release of funds for protection and conservation of this natural resource.