

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:140

ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000

KILLING OF TIGERS

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE;YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Tiger Skins at throw-away prices in A.P.` appearing in the `Indian Express` dated October 16, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have conducted an inquiry into the reported killings of tigers in the Srisailem-Nagarjuna Sagar Tiger Project;
- (c) if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether any officials of the wildlife and forest department have been involved in the skinning of tigers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken against them?

**Answer**

MINSTER FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Chief Wildlife Warden of Andhra Pradesh has informed that there were two incidences of poaching of tigers in the State during the current year. The enquiries, however, have not corroborated the incidence about the sale of tiger skin and claws at Atmakuru. The population of tiger in the Srisailem-Nagarjuna Sagar Tiger Project had declined after 1989 but in recent years, the population has increased from 34 in 1995 to 51 in 1999 due to improved management.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.