

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2160  
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002  
TIGER RESERVES  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

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

- (a) the number of tiger reserves in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria laid down for creation of a new tiger reserve;
- (c) whether any requests from various States including Andhra Pradesh have been received with regard to conversion of some sanctuaries into tiger reserves;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the decision taken on each such requests?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

- (a) The State-wise numbers of Tiger Reserves in the country are given at Annexure I.
- (b) For notifying any area as a new Tiger Reserve, the area is assessed with reference to the following parameters:

- i) Tiger Reserve network should have adequate representation of each Bio-geographical zone.
- ii) The proposed reserve should be of adequate size and be viable from the point of view of wildlife management.
- iii) The tiger population of the area need to be genetically viable, supported by adequate prey base.
- iv) The area should be under minimal biotic pressure, i.e. limited human habitations, low grazing pressure, and be preferably free from encroachments.
- v) Availability of adequate infrastructure for protection and adequate budget provisions.

(c), (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The following proposals have been received for creation of new Tiger Reserves

- 1) Satkosia Gorge & Baisipada Wildlife Sanctuary ( 988 sq kms) - Orissa
- 2) Udanti Wildlife Sanctuary ( 1580 sq kms) - Chattisgarh
- 3) Chandoli Wildlife Sanctuary ( 364 sq kms ) - Maharashtra
- 4) Wan, Ambabarwa, Narnala Wildlife Sanctuary ( 350 sq kms) - Maharashtra

In view of limited financial allocations, no decision has been taken to notify any new Tiger Reserve

**ANNEXURE 1**

**ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2160 TO BE ANSWERED 18-03-2002 REGARDING TIGER RESERVES**

Number of Tiger Reserves in the Country

State Number

Andhra Pradesh 1  
Arunachal Pradesh 2  
Assam 2  
Bihar 1  
Jharkhand 1  
Karnataka 2  
Kerala 1  
Madhya Pradesh 5  
Maharashtra 3  
Mizoram 1  
Orissa 1  
Rajasthan 2  
Tamil Nadu 1  
Uttar Pradesh 1  
Uttaranchal 1  
West Bengal 2

Total 27