

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:68  
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PENCH TIGER PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of yearly establishment expenditure (State and Central ) in Pench Sanctuary and Pench Tiger Project in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether Pench Tiger Project is a project for limited period and wholly financed by the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the fencing of Pench Sanctuary has been completed;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor and whether smuggling of fish and wild animals is on the increase in absence of fencing;
- (g) if so, whether the Government have received any complaints regarding connivance of sanctuary employees in smuggling of fish and wild animals, particularly the skin of lions and
- (h) if so , the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of establishment expenditure of Pench Sanctuary and Pench Tiger Reserve for the year 2001-02 are Rs. 18.56 lakhs and Rs. 67.60 lakhs respectively.
- (b) & (c): Project Tiger is an ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Government of India. Assistance is provided to State Governments for carrying out protection and developmental works in Tiger Reserves. 100% funds are provided for Non recurring items while 50% funds are provided for Recurring items of work.
- (d) & (e): To maintain genetic continuity fencing in national parks and sanctuaries normally is not done.
- (f) Effective patrolling and protection measures have considerably reduced illegal fishing in Pench Tiger Reserve. Moreover compensation totalling to an amount of Rs. 72.00 Lakhs have been paid to the fishermen.
- (g) & (h): State Government has reported that no complaints regarding connivance of sanctuary employees in smuggling of fish and wild animals has been received. Moreover, there are no lions in Pench Tiger Reserve.