

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

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that poaching of tigers has stopped in Periyar Tiger Reserve as a result of Unique Programme called Tiger Trail;
- (b) if so, the extent thereof alongwith the details of the said programme;
- (c) whether the Government propose to implement the same in various States where forest land is in abundance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The "Periyar Tiger Trail" Programme is an Eco Tourism initiative developed in Periyar Tiger Reserve under the India Ecodevelopment Project, which gives visitors to the park a rewarding experience through the services of local unemployed youths, who are fully conversant with the park. This project has reportedly reduced poaching in the area.

(c) & (d) Government of India is fostering such site-specific ecotourism models as part of eco-development around Protected Areas.