

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

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MANAGEMENT OF TIGER RESERVE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Conservation and Protection of Tigers in Orissa as on date;
- (b) whether Orissa Government has not demarcated park boundary, eviction of core area villages etc. while reviewing the functioning of the Simlipal Tiger Reserve in Mayurbhanj district;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is a discrepancy in the figures of Tigers as pointed out by Tiger Reserve and the latest Census of 2004;
- (e) if so, the reasons for this discrepancy in the figures and the actual figure of Tigers in the State; and
- (f) the time since when the proposal for notifying the Simlipal National Park has been pending?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Simlipal Tiger Reserve, the only tiger reserve in Orissa, has been assessed by a panel of independent experts based on 45 parameters using the format of the World Commission on Protected Areas of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), which has been peer reviewed by the IUCN. Both the assessment and peer review have been placed before the Parliament. Based on the above, Simlipal Tiger Reserve has been categorized as 'Very good'.
- (b) & (c) The State Government has notified its intention for declaring the core area of Simlipal Tiger Reserve as a National Park, but its final notification is pending on account of settlement of rights of people living in such area.
- (d) & (e) The All India estimation of tiger is carried out once in every four years and estimation figures pertaining to the last such estimation done in 2001-02 in respect of Simlipal Tiger Reserve, as received from the State, is 99. At present, the All India estimation of tigers and other wild animals, including habitat status evaluation, is ongoing as per the revised, enhanced methodology endorsed by the Tiger Task Force.
- (f) The State Government has notified its intention for declaring Simlipal National Park in two phases vide notifications 18703/FFAH dated 6.8.1980 and 19525/FFAH dated 11.6.1986. The final notification as a National Park is pending on account of settlement of rights of people living in such area.