

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

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TIGER /ELEPHANT RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of Tiger and Elephant reserves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount proposed to be allocated for the purpose in the current financial year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to get funds from external agencies for the improvement and development of Project Tiger and Project Elephant; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir. "In principle approval" has been accorded for declaring eight new tiger reserves spread over seven States, based on proposals received and as recommended by the Steering Committee of the Project Tiger in its 37th meeting held on 23-01-2003. Apart from the above, approval for creation of three more Elephant Reserves has been accorded. The details are given at Annexure-I. As far as allocation for new Reserves are concerned, it is done on the basis of the activities proposed in the Annual Plan of Operation submitted by the States.
- (c) & (d) Currently there is no such proposal under consideration of this Ministry.