

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3675

ANSWERED ON:18.12.2006

POLICY FOR TIGER RESERVES

Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai;Bishnoi Shri Kuldeep

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame a comprehensive tourism management policy for Tiger Reserves spelling out the role of the Project Tiger Directorate and State authorities;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for very slow rate of increase in the population of tigers in Tiger Reserves during the last 20 years?

Answer

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

(a & b) Yes sir. The Ministry has taken action for implementing an eco-tourism strategy involving various stakeholders, so that benefits of tourism can be shared with local communities as recommended by the Tiger Task Force, which was constituted on the recommendations of the National Board for Wildlife.

(c) No such trend is discernable. The tiger reserve-wise tiger estimation figures pertaining to the last three All India estimations, as received from States, is at Annexure-I