

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1729
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2005
GUIDELINES ON COUNTING OF TIGERS
Rawat Shri Kamla Prasad

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

:

- (a) whether any meeting of the top wildlife officials from all States was called by the Unsoa Government regarding the method of counting tigers ;
- (b) if so, whether some guidelines have been laid down regarding the same ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) the names of the tiger-inhabited States which participated in the said meeting ; and
- (e) the number of tigers at present in each tiger-inhabited State ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. A workshop was held on 29-08-2005 in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India at New Delhi for sensitizing the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and (iiief Wildlife Wardens of States and Field Directors of Tiger Reserves and other officials from States involved in wildlife conservation, regarding the enhanced methodology adopted for All India Estimation of tigers, large carnivores, ungulates and habitat status, evaluation and monitoring.

(b)&(c)Yes Sir. A bilingual field guide (in English and Hindi) containing datasheets for iield data collection pertaining to tiger, leopard and other carnivores, sign encounter rate, data collection from line transacts, sampling of vegetation, human disturbance and ungulate pellets, including identification of major ungulate species, tracks of major carnivores and fecal pellets of wild animals was provided to participants

(d) The names of tiger inhabited States from where officials participated in the workshop are at Annexure-I.

(e) The tiger estimation figures pertaining to the last All India Estimation, as received from States, are at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-1 ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1729 REGARDING GUIDELINES ON COUNTING OF TIGERS DUE FOR REPLY ON 5-12-2005.

LIST OF TIGER INHABITING STATES WHEREFROM THE PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE SENSITIZING WORKSHOP ON 29-08-2005 AT NEW DELHI

1. Maharashtra
2. Rajasthan
3. Chattisgarh
4. Karnataka
5. Orissa
6. West Bengal

7 Andhra Pradesh

8. Uttar Pradesh

9. Madhya Pradesh

10. Assam

11. Bihar

12. Uttranchal

13. Mizoram

14. Kerala

15. Jharkhand

16. Arunachal Pradesh

17. Tamil Nadu