

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:811
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NEW TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to notify eight new tiger reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in the last meeting of the National Board for wildlife it was decided that new reserve would be notified only when the condition of the existing 28 reserves are improved;
- (d) if so, whether the proposed notification is not contrary to the decision taken in the last meeting; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

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. Details are at Annexure-I.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) & (e) Questions do not arise.