

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

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FUNDS FOR TIGER/ ELEPHANT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds released under Project Tiger and Project Elephant to the States during the last three years and so far, State-wise;
- (b) the total amount spent by the States during the aforesaid period and the present status of these projects;
- (c) whether the utilization certificate for the amount released for Valmiki Tiger Project has been received by the Union Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) State-wise details on release and expenditure under Project Tiger Scheme and Project Elephant Scheme during last three years and current financial year are provided at Annexure-I.
- (c) Based on the receipt of Utilisation Certificate pertaining to last year, the annual plan of operation of Valmiki Tiger Reserve during the current year, as received from the State, was sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 106.663 lakhs, which includes a Central Assistance of Rs. 93.9455 lakhs, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger. The Utilisation Certificate from the State is awaited for the first instalment of Central Assistance released during the year.
- (d) Details are already provided in Annexure-I.