

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

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VILLAGES IN TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages located in various tiger reserves in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has drawn-up any plan for relocation of these villages from tiger reserves;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by the Government to ensure protected environment for tigers?

Answer

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

- (a) State-wise details of villages located in tiger reserves, as reported by States, is provided at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Since the launching of Project Tiger, funding support is provided to States under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme for village relocation and as many as 80 villages have been relocated as on June, 2005 in different States. Further, the Wildlife Institute of India has been directed to assess the core areas of tiger reserves where village relocation has to be undertaken, in addition to other protected areas of the country within a timeframe. Simultaneously, action has been taken for developing a model involuntary village relocation/rehabilitation package through professional agency.
- (d) The steps taken at the Government of India for conservation of tigers is at Annexure-II.