

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

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REVIEW OF PROJECT TIGER  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the Project Tiger Scheme being run for the conservation of tigers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Project Tiger has been reviewed by the Tiger Task Force constituted by the National Board for Wildlife, Chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Ministry of Environment & Forests is implementing the urgent recommendations of the said Task Force for strengthening tiger conservation which inter-alia, includes the recent amendment to the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act for constituting the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau. The NTCA has already come into force w.e.f. 4th September, 2006. Apart from above, all the Tiger Reserves have been evaluated by a panel of independent experts based on a set of criteria (45) developed by the World commission on Protected Areas, as adapted for Indian conditions. The evaluation has been peer-reviewed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). Both the assessment as well as peer-review have been placed in both the Houses of Parliament.