## **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OFENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO06.12.2010 ANSWERED ON TIGER BREEDING SITES.**

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SHRI JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of COALENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :-

(a) the steps being taken by Government to protect tigers from the brink of extinction;

(b)whether Government has tried to ascertain the number of tigers in the country;

(c)if so, the details thereof;

(d)whether in order to monitor tiger breeding sites in the context or providing them protection, Government is seeking cooperation at international level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)The milestone initiatives taken for strengthening tiger conservation in the country are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c)As per the findings of the recent (2008) all India estimation of tiger using the refined methodology, the total country-level population of tiger is 1411 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. The details are at Annexure-II. Initiatives have been taken for the 2nd All India estimation of tigers using the above refined methodology.

(d)No Sir.

(e)Question does not arise.