

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1827
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

Sundarbans Tiger Conservation Project in West Bengal

1827 SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sundarbans Tiger Conservation Project to count and breed Bengal tigers, is yet to take off as the fund of ₹ 36 crore has not been disbursed in the last seven months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of allocation and utilization of funds for the Sundarbans Tiger Conservation Project since 2017, year-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has conducted regular yearly survey reports on number of tigers, especially Bengal tigers, if so, year-wise details of the report since 2017?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) & (b) The funding support under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger is provided as per sanctioned Annual Plan of Operation of the Tiger Reserve and Utilisation Certificate is duly submitted by the State Government. Physical and Financial Report (PFR) submitted by the State for the same is also duly scrutinized to ensure proper utilization of funds. The State Government of West Bengal has submitted requisite documents on 8.12.2022 on basis of which fund release process has been initiated.
- (c) Details of funding support provided to the Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during since 2017-18, year-wise and utilized are as below:

(Amount in Rs. Lakhs)

2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
Released	Utilized								
397.09	397.09	456.22	456.22	599.59	599.59	173.67	173.67	587.15	587.15

- (d) As per the quadrennial All India Tiger Estimation, the details of tiger estimation 2018 are at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1827 ON SUNDARBANS TIGER CONSERVATION PROJECT IN WEST BENGAL DUE FOR REPLY ON 22.12.2022

Details of tiger estimation pertaining to tiger landscapes in the country, 2018

State	Tiger Population
	2018
<i>Shivalik-Gangetic Plain Landscape Complex</i>	
Uttarakhand	442
Uttar Pradesh	173
Bihar	31
Shivalik Gangetic	646
<i>Central Indian Landscape Complex and Eastern Ghats Landscape Complex</i>	
Andhra Pradesh	48
Telangana	26
Chhattisgarh	19
Madhya Pradesh	526
Maharashtra	312
Odisha	28
Rajasthan	69
Jharkhand	5
Central India	1033
<i>Western Ghats Landscape Complex</i>	
Karnataka	524
Kerala	190
Tamil Nadu	264
Goa	3
Western Ghats	981
<i>North Eastern Hills and Brahmaputra Flood Plains</i>	
Assam	190
Arunachal Pradesh	29
Mizoram	0
Nagaland	0
Northern West Bengal	0
North East Hills, and Brahmaputra	219
<i>Sunderbans</i>	88
TOTAL	2967
