

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1325
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

Wildlife protection in Karnataka

1325. SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the illegal resorts and homestays near Kali Tiger Reserve in Karnataka violate existing wildlife protection regulations and buffer-zone norms;
- (b) whether Government of Karnataka has failed to act on earlier complaints regarding commercial activities occurring within one kilometre of the reserve's core tiger habitat;
- (c) whether the construction and operation of these resorts occurred without mandatory clearances from regulatory authorities;
- (d) whether tourism activities inside the Castlerock Wildlife Range are being carried out in violation of directives issued by the Supreme Court and the Karnataka High Court; and
- (e) the details of steps taken for ensuring the compliance of NTCA directive in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) As per information received from the State, resorts and homestays are located in revenue areas adjoining the Kali Tiger Reserve which are managed as per relevant provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, wherein appropriate oversight is exercised by the State.

(d) & (e) Tourism activities in and around tiger reserves are promoted as per the National Tiger Conservation Authority (Normative Standards for Tourism activities and Project Tiger) Guidelines, 2012 issued under section 38 O (1) (c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, compliance of which is ensured through periodic supervision by the Regional Offices of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). As per the information provided by the State Government of Karnataka, there is no violation of the directives issued by the Honourable Supreme Court and High Court regarding tourism activities related to Castlerock Wildlife Range.
