

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2018

Filming in National Parks

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

- (a) whether the Government has prohibited BBC from filming in India's national parks and wildlife sanctuaries for "irreparable damage done to India's reputation";
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government's decision upholds and extends the ban from tiger reserves to all national parks and sanctuaries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has found that BBC projected a negative portrayal of India's conservation success story at the Tiger Reserve and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

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- (a) to (e) Yes, Madam. The Ministry in its Office Memorandum dated 10th April, 2017, communicated the decision to prohibit BBC from filming documentaries/ news reports in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of India for a period of five years. This has been issued for irreparable damage done to India's reputation and negatively portraying India's conservation success story at Kaziranga Tiger Reserve and also for deviating from the original script submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs and National Tiger Conservation Authority.
