

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

Relocation of Tigers

479. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data regarding total number of tigers in the country, if so, the details thereof including the last date of census was taken;
- (b) whether the Government has any scheme to relocate tigers from one forest to another, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request from the Government of Kerala regarding relocation of tigers from forests in Wayanad district of Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regards;
- (e) whether any special scheme is being implemented by the Government for the conservation of tigers in the State of Kerala;
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the funds being provided to Kerala under this scheme; and
- (g) the details of the efforts being made to increase funds as the State Governments require more funds for tiger conservation projects?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The quadrennial All India Tiger Estimation Exercise which assesses the Status of Tigers, Co-predators and Prey using robust scientific methodology, has shown that the tiger number has increased as per the latest estimation done in 2018, with an estimated number of 2967 (range 2603-3346) as compared to 2014 estimation of 2226 (range 1945-2491). As per the quadrennial All India Tiger Estimation, the details of tiger estimation 2018 are at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The Government of India through the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) promotes management interventions to ensure habitat connectivity for sustaining natural dispersal of tigers. Further, relocation of tigers is done as per "Protocol of Re-introduction" and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for active management towards rehabilitation of tigers from source areas at landscape level, issued by the NTCA.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Question does not arise.

(e), (f) & (g) Funding assistance is provided under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to tiger range States, including Kerala, for conservation of tigers, raising awareness on tiger & other wildlife conservation, habitat management, protection, eco-development, human resource and infrastructure development, voluntary village relocation, as per sanctioned Annual Plan of Operation of the Tiger Reserve and Utilisation Certificate duly submitted by the State Government. The details of funds released to the State Government of Kerala under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during last three years and the current financial year are as under:-

(Amount in Rs. Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Tiger Reserve	State	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (1 st Installment) (as on 31.1.2023)
1	Periyar	Kerala	331.24	212.19	488.89	118.88
2	Parambikulam	Kerala	275.83	190.69	379.90	84.37

Besides Project Tiger, the State Governments also utilize resources from Tiger Conservation Foundations, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority and State Sector Schemes.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 479 ON RELOCATION OF TIGERS DUE FOR REPLY ON 06.02.2023

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
North East Hills, and Brahmaputra	219
<i>Sunderbans</i>	88
TOTAL	2967
