

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2964
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023

Special Tiger Protection Forces

2964. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

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

- (a) the total number of Special Tiger Protection Forces (STPF) established in the country till now, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish more STPF in the country in Financial Year 2023- 24; and
- (c) the funds utilized between Financial Year 2019-20 and 2022-23 for establishing STPFs in the country, year-wise, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) The Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) has been made operational in the following tiger reserves; viz. Bandipur (Karnataka), Pench, Tadoba-Andhari, Nawegaon-Nagzira, Melghat (Maharashtra), Ranthambhore (Rajasthan), Similipal (Odisha) and Kaziranga (Assam).
- (b) Based on proposals received from the States, funding assistance is provided for raising, arming and deploying the STPF.
- (c) Details of funds sanctioned under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats during 2019-20 to 2022-23 for raising, arming and deployment of the Special Tiger Protection Force in tiger reserves are at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2964 ON SPECIAL TIGER PROTECTION FORCES DUE FOR REPLY ON 07.08.2023

Details of funds sanctioned under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats during 2019-20 to 2022-23 for raising, arming and deployment of the Special Tiger Protection Force in tiger reserves

(Rs. in lakhs)

Tiger Reserve	State	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Pench	Maharashtra	286.18	354.14	315.16	330.00
Tadoba-Andhari		298.53	397.41	423.64	423.60
Melghat		303.92	361.31	374.95	420.00
Nawegaon-Nagzira		283.56	356.56	472.03	501.60
Similipal	Odisha	120.84	122.86	20.86	126.30
Bandipur	Karnataka	192.00	38.52	51.37	99.00
Ranthambhore	Rajasthan	0.00	0.00	214.65	154.38
Kaziranga	Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
