

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2019

Counting of Tigers in Himalayan Range

1123. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch an exercise to count the number of tigers in the Himalayan Range, in association with Nepal and Bhutan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in the past year to promote sustainable eco-tourism in and around tiger reserves;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of loss of wildlife and increasing human-wildlife conflicts due to natural disasters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in the last five months to mitigate the issue?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) & (b) Yes, a situational analysis of tigers in the high altitudinal range of Eastern and Western Himalayas spread over 3 important tiger range countries of India, Nepal and Bhutan has been completed.
- (c) The Government of India through 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 promotes sustainable ecotourism in and around tiger reserves.
- (d) & (e) In so far as Project Tiger is concerned, financial assistance is being provided under the ongoing sub-component of Project Tiger of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats for safeguarding animals from natural disasters. Further, Standard Operating Procedures in 4 thematic areas have been issued to mitigate and manage human-tiger conflicts in the wild, besides factoring in strategies in Tiger Conservation Plan mandated under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
