GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 872 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

Wildlife Sanctuaries

872. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the total economic value derived from the various wildlife sanctuaries/national parks in the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof, Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study of the total number of people employed in various roles across the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries;
- (d) if so, the total number of such persons employed in the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, reserve-wise and role-wise; and
- (e) the estimated total contribution of National Parks/Wildlife sanctuaries to the economy of the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a), (b) and (e) Economic value of 16 Tiger Reserves in the country which include respective National Parks and Sanctuaries have been estimated by Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal with support of National Tiger Conservation Authority in two phases respectively in 2013-15 and 2016-19. The details of same are at **Annexure**.
- (c) and (d) No such study was conducted by the Ministry.

Annexure ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 872 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23.07.2021 REGARDING WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES.

Economic value of Tiger Reserves

SL. No.	Name of Tiger Reserve	Flow Benefits (₹ billion/ year)	Stock Benefits (₹ billion/ year)
Phase-I St	tudy (2013-15)		I
1	Corbett	14.7	261.8
2	Kanha	16.5	193.3
3	Kaziranga	9.8	22.4
4	Periyar	17.6	316.5
5	Ranthambhore	8.3	49.2
6	Sundarbans,	12.8	655.8
Phase-II	Study (2016-19)		
7	Anamalai	97.77	461.50
8	Bandipur	64.06	314.76
9	Dudhwa	50.95	561.06
10	Melghat	123.49	750.43
11	Nagajunasagar Srisailam	162.02	501.30
12	Pakke	87.22	322.01
13	Palamau	129.54	967.45
14	Panna	69.55	137.46
15	Similipal	160.30	498.33
16	Valmiki	69.00	436.83