

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1171**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 25.07.2022

**Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary**

1171. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to notify Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka as Tiger Reserve and if so, the details and the current status thereof;
- (b) the details of forest area identified as core and buffer zone; and
- (c) the details of number of tigers identified in this wildlife sanctuary along with the total number of tigers in Karnataka according to latest tiger census?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Approval of National Tiger Conservation Authority has been accorded to the proposal of Karnataka State Government to declare the Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary as Tiger Reserve.
- (b) The details of core and buffer area of the proposed Malai Mahadeshwara Tiger Reserve are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) 524 tigers have been reported in Karnataka, including 8 tigers in Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, as per the Status of Tigers, Co-predators and Prey in India, 2018.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1171 ON MALE MAHADESHWARA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY DUE FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2022**

**Details of core and buffer area of the proposed Malai Mahadeshwara Tiger Reserve**

1. Core area :                      Extent: 670.99 sq.km.  
    Composition:                    (i) Mahadeshwara Malai Reserve Forest  
  (ii) Hanur Reserve Forest  
  (iii) Yediyaralli Reserve Forest
  
2. Buffer area:                      Extent: 235.19 sq.km.  
    Composition:                    (i) Mahadeshwara Malai Reserve Forest  
  (ii) Hanur Reserve Forest  
  (iii) Yediyaralli Reserve Forest

**Total area of the proposed Tiger Reserve (core + buffer) : 906.18 sq.km.**

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