

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2709**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.05.2016

**Fire in Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve**

2709: SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether incidents of major fires have been reported in Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the extent of forest cover destroyed and losses to wildlife as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has ordered any probe / inquiry into the said incidents, if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken and preventive measures being contemplated to protect the flora and fauna of National Parks / Sanctuaries and tiger reserves from forest fires in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) & (b) No Sir. As per the information received from the State, no major fire incidents have been reported in Corbett tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand. However, there have been 66 incidents of surface fires limited to 286.4 ha. with no major loss of trees/wildlife.
- (c) As reported by the State, the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand has ordered Deputy Conservator of Forests to conduct an inquiry.

- (d) Each tiger reserve is mandated to prepare a fire plan under Tiger Conservation Plan (TCP) to prevent fire in tiger reserve. Funding assistance is given to the tiger states under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger (CSS-PT) for various activities which *inter alia* include provision for fire-fighting, prevention of fire and engagement of fire watchers besides creation of water holes / ponds at strategic locations in order to address drinking water needs of wild animals during pinch period and to act as source of water during fire fighting operations.

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