

**Tiger reserve project adjoining Kaziranga National Park**

473. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a tribal community in central Assam's Karbi Anglong district has floated a group to oppose the creation of the tiger reserve in the entire length and breadth of the tribal community just adjoining Kaziranga National Park; if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government therein; and

(b) whether Government is thinking to drop this project keeping in view the strong local sentiments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) No such report/proposal has been received from the Government of Assam.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Implementation of Copenhagen and Rio Declaration**

474. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is not in agreement with the Copenhagen Declaration and Rio 2012 Declaration; if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure environmental sustainability and MDG Goal No. 7; and

(b) whether the developing countries are facing problems as there is sharp contradiction in implementing Goal No. 01 to Goal No. 06 and Goal No. 07 and if so, what is the way out for India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government is in agreement with the Copenhagen Declaration and Rio 2012 Declaration. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is the nodal ministry for preparing the country report in respect of MDGs. The latest MDG India report 'Millennium Development Goals -India Country Report 2011' (available at [www.mospi.nic.in](http://www.mospi.nic.in)) has stated that the progress of MDG 7 against its indicator viz. 'Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources' is 'On-track'. The table indicating the progress against various MDGs is given in the Statement.

***Statement****MDGs and Targets - Summary of progress achieved by India***MDG 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty And Hunger**

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| TARGET 1: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the Percentage of Population below the National Poverty Line | On-track |
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| TARGET2: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger | Slow or almost off-track |
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**MDG 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education**

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| TARGET 3: Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling | On-track |
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**MDG 3: Promote Gender Equality And Empower Women**

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| TARGET 4 .Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015 | On-track for Primary and Secondary education and slow for higher education |
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**MDG 4: Reduce Child Mortality**

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| TARGET5: Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the Under- Five Morality Rate | Moderately on-track |
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**MDG 5: Improve Maternal Health**

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| TARGET 6: Reduce by three quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio | Slow or off-track |
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**MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria And Other Diseases**

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| TARGET 7 : Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS | Moderately on-track |
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| TARGET 8: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases | Slow or off-track <sup>1</sup> |
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<sup>1</sup> Prevalence and death rates of 'TB are showing fluctuating trend over the years.

**MDG 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability**

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| TARGET 9: Integrate the principal of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources. | On-track  |
| TARGET 10: Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation                         | On-track or fast by one main indicator (for drinking water) but slow by another main indicator (Sanitation) |
| TARGET 11: By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers                                  | The pattern not statistically discernible   |

**MDG 8: Develop A Global Partnership For Development**

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| TARGET 18: In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications | Not Applicable |
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**Environmental protection and afforestation in Gujarat**

475. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 9.18 lakh hectares of land has been covered in Gujarat under Environment Protection and Afforestation;
- (b) how much funds have been spent on the same by State Government of Gujarat;
- (c) whether Union Government intends to meet at least 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred by Gujarat and other States; and
- (d) if not, why Union Government is so neglectful towards environmental protection and afforestation?