

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1004
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.02.2022

Protection and conservation of big cats

1004. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government has drawn any plan for protection and conservation of major big cats including Cheetah in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any plan or whether efforts are being made for involvement of local communities for protection of tiger reserves and eco-tourism in various parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Funding assistance is provided under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to tiger range States for conservation of tigers, raising awareness on tiger & other wildlife conservation, habitat management, protection, eco-development, human resource and infrastructure development, voluntary village relocation. For conservation of Cheetah in India, the Government has initiated Cheetah introduction plan.

Asiatic Lion and Snow Leopard are part of 22 critically endangered species, covered under species recovery programme of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Development of Wildlife Habitats (CSS-DWH). The Ministry has launched the 'Asiatic Lion Conservation Project' under the component – Recovery Programme for saving critically endangered species under the CSS-DWH. The Ministry is also implementing a Government of India-UNDP-GEF Project 'SECURE Himalayas', which also includes conservation of Snow Leopards in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand and Union territory of Ladakh. Further, the Ministry has issued guidelines for sustainable ecotourism in forest and wildlife areas-2021, which also envisages empowerment of local communities through ecotourism activities.

- (b) & (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. These guidelines prescribe normatives for tiger conservation in the country which *inter alia* include

protection, habitat management, monitoring among others, eco-development, human resource and infrastructure development and voluntary village relocation. Details of fund released under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to tiger range States during last three years is at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1004 ON PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF BIG CATS DUE FOR REPLY ON 10.02.2022

Fund released under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to tiger range States during last three years

Sl. No.	Name of Reserve	State	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
			Central Share		
(Rs. In Lakhs)					
1	Nagarjunasagar	Andhra Pradesh	217.992	114.48	266.51
2	Kamlang	Arunachal Pradesh	152.352	199.40	160.17
3	Pakke	Arunachal Pradesh	442.95	537.68	404.57
4	Namdapha	Arunachal Pradesh	334.46	109.23	239.02
5	Orang	Assam	267	252.85	299.18
6	Manas	Assam	502.39	501.16	418.22
7	Nameri	Assam	119.984	154.72	63.69
8	Kaziranga	Assam	1030.25	1290.03	1732.81
9	Valmiki	Bihar	570.897	562.84	628.89
10	Indravati	Chhattisgarh	133.17	85.81	122.49
11	Achanakmar	Chhattisgarh	268.669	130.42	195.94
12	Udanti-Sitnanadi	Chhattisgarh	134.296	142.30	152.73
13	Palamau	Jharkhand	367	1432.07	128.453
14	Kali (Dandeli Anshi)	Karnataka	508.8	374.76	234.635
15	Nagarhole	Karnataka	415.032	463.42	568.94
16	Bhadra	Karnataka	387.695	452.43	370.06
17	Bandipur	Karnataka	634.53	660.37	669.80
18	Biligiri Ranganatha Temple	Karnataka	321.371	301.05	274.57
19	Periyar	Kerala	365.75	331.24	212.19
20	Parambikulam	Kerala	287.28	275.83	190.69
21	Pench	Madhya Pradesh	514.16	385.83	450.90
22	Panna	Madhya Pradesh	389.12	461.38	458.54
23	Bandhavgarh	Madhya Pradesh	337.22	384.96	377.89
24	Kanha	Madhya Pradesh	717.46	928.15	651.33
25	Sanjay Dubri	Madhya Pradesh	935.35	826.88	246.35
26	Satpura	Madhya Pradesh	2450.58	514.71	366.25
27	Melghat	Maharashtra	8049.752	2026.59	1426.38
28	Bor	Maharashtra	381.89	466.15	113.81
29	Navegaon-Nagzira	Maharashtra	681.33	1273.49	255.22
30	Tadoba-Andhari	Maharashtra	823.718	2110.39	573.77
31	Pench	Maharashtra	726.84	902.03	661.19
32	Sahyadri	Maharashtra	386.06	441.74	67.66
33	Dampa	Mizoram	318.842	337.70	161.53

34	Satkosia	Odisha	371.442	642.79	140.68
35	Similipal	Odisha	650.88	660.53	539.39
36	Mukundra	Rajasthan	150.7	310.58	298.28
37	Ranthambore	Rajasthan	276.69	368.50	262.28
38	Sariska	Rajasthan	364.44	524.11	448.33
39	Kalakad Mundanthurai	Tamil Nadu	290.312	253.22	238.43
40	Mudumalai	Tamil Nadu	1405.573	507.87	447.63
41	Sathyamangalam	Tamil Nadu	337.132	479.31	383.63
42	Anamalai	Tamil Nadu	333.806	346.51	266.45
43	Kawal	Telangana	979.38	267.23	238.20
44	Amrabad	Telangana	136.27	177.72	113.77
45	Corbett	Uttarakhand	935.69	1711.65	1123.85
46	Rajaji	Uttarakhand	481.57	577.53	547.45
47	Dudhwa	Uttar Pradesh	447.046	900.58	627.86
48	Pilibhit	Uttar Pradesh	238.29	341.91	295.43
49	Sundarban	West Bengal	456.22	599.59	173.67
50	Buxa	West Bengal	262.79	158.88	160.29
51	All India Tiger Estimation, 2018	Nagaland	24.8625	0.00	0.00
Total			32317.2835	28260.600	19450.00
