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Move to revive tiger reserve

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HYDERABAD: Over 1,000 families, predominantly tribals, residing in the core of the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem tiger reserve are likely to be relocated as part of the efforts to revive the sanctuary, considered to be one of the largest in the country.

The Central government, under whose purview the project lies, has initiated negotiations with the families likely to be affected by offering a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh each for their relocation. "We are working with these families. We cannot shift them forcibly," Union Minister of State for Environment and Forests Jairam Ramesh says.

Mr. Ramesh, who is currently in the tiger reserve on a two-day visit, sees "great potential" for revival of the area.