

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a group, People for Animals had conducted a survey and reported that the medical assistance to the animals is almost absent in Morena ;
- (b) if so, whether there has been large number of deaths of birds in the recent past; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the precious animals ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS,

(SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) & (b): State Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported the deaths of 46 Pea fowls in Morena district after consuming insecticide treated bajra seeds sown in agriculture fields. Normally, the methodology for conservation of free populations in nature comprises of protection against poaching and safeguarding the habitats of such populations. Due to the unprecedented nature of deaths, the limitations of veterinarian to immediately attend the affected Pea fowls in the field cannot be denied.

(c) The State Government has taken following measures to prevent recurrence of such incidences:

(i) Assistance of Animal Husbandry Department is taken to conduct field surveys and to provide timely medical aid to the poisoned birds.

(ii) Farmers have been advised to cover the seeds with soil immediately after sowing.

(iii) Farmers have been advised to spread untreated wheat grains so that the peafowls do not consume insecticide treated seeds;

(iv) Availability of water has been ensured for peafowls in and around the fields.

(v) Awareness has been generated to provide information about any such incidences.

(vi) People have been posted at sensitive places to provide information regarding such incidences.