

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:225

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DEATHS OF LIONS AND TIGERS IN NANDAN KANAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK

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

- (a) Whether in pursuance of the inquiry report relating to deaths of a large number of lions and tigers in Nandankanan Zoological Park earlier this year, the lions and tigers from that zoo have been shifted to other Zoos;
 - (b) if so, the details of the action taken in the light of the inquiry report;
 - (c) whether any further casualty of lions/tigers took place during the course of transportation or rehabilitation;
 - (d) whether an one year old tigress was killed and her skin removed in Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad recently;
 - (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
 - (f) the preventive measures proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in other Zoological parks?
- A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) In pursuance to the recommendations of the enquiry report and meeting of the officials of Union Government and the State Government of Orissa, it was agreed to transfer 15 lions and 15 tigers from the Nandankanan Zoo to other zoos in the country with a view to remove congestion. So far 7 lions and 7 tigers have been transferred from the Nandankanan zoo to the other zoos in Andhra Pradesh by the State Government. Further movement of animals has been stopped because of gherao of the zoo by the local people as a protest against movement of the animals from Nandankanan Zoo to other states.

c) One lion died during transportation from Nandankanan Zoo to Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam.

d) Yes, Sir.

e) The State Government has handed over the enquiry of the case to the State C.I.D and Shri S.Reddy, Principal Secretary to the Government Revenue Department has also been appointed to inquire into the matter in its entirety.

f) The State Governments have been requested to beef up the security arrangements in the zoos, particularly during the night and also to fill up the vacant posts.