

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:154
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2000
KEEPING WILD ANIMALS IN PERSONAL CAPTIVITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of guidelines at present applicable for keeping the wild animals in personal captivity;
- (b) the number of cases reported during the last three years, where these directives have been violated so far;
- (c) the number of cases registered against the guilty during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) the action taken against the persons held responsible in keeping the wild animals, during this period, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government propose to review these guidelines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)
(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT IN RESPECT TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 154 FOR 6.3.:
REGARDING KEEPING WILD ANIMALS IN PERSONAL CAPTIVITY

- (a) Wildlife (Protection) Act does not permit the keeping of the wild animals in captivity by individuals. However, the wildlife officials are empowered to give the animals, confiscated by them from the persons violating the provisions of the Act, to any individual for safe custody on the execution of a bond by him for production of such animals, if and when so required, before the magistrate having jurisdiction to try the offence on account of which the seizure has been made. The authorised officers are also empowered to allow the public museums / recognised zoos to keep wild animals for exhibition for educational purposes.
- (b), (c) & (d) Since implementation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act is the responsibility of the State Government and action in the matter is taken at the level of Divisional Forest Officer / Wildlife Warden in various States, the information is not compiled and collated at national level.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.