

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

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DEATHS OF PEACOCKS

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

- (a) whether some peacocks died recently in Maharajpura of Morena District of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any investigation has been made into the matter;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to punish the persons responsible for these deaths; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

- (a) & (b) As reported by the State Government, a total of 14 Peacocks died in Maharajpura village of Morena district in Madhya Pradesh. According to the post-mortem report, the cause of death is stated to be internal hemorrhage due to consumption of Bajra seeds treated with insecticides.
- (c) Yes, Sir, a Committee under the chairmanship of CF (Wildlife), Bhopal, has enquired into the matter.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) The enquiry conducted by the Committee concluded that the peacocks were not poisoned deliberately and there is no evidence of illegal hunting. The Peacocks died after consuming insecticide treated Bajra seeds that were sown in the agricultural fields. Delay in monsoon prevented the germination of seeds and also the leaching of insecticides into the soil.