

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

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THREE-TIER STRATEGY FOR PRESERVING WILD FAUNA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken a decision to adopt a three-tier strategy to preserve wild fauna in habitat, in captivity in zoos and cryo-preservation of tissues and other germplasm of endangered fauna in laboratories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a proposal has been drawn for handling of animals during frequent transfers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & b) In the meeting of the Indian Board for Wildlife held on 21.1.2002 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, a National Wild Life Action Plan (2002-16) for conservation of wild fauna was adopted. The strategy for conservation in the Action Plan gives primacy to in-situ conservation of wild fauna, while ex-situ measures like Zoological Parks and gene banks are to supplement this objective.

(c) & (d) With a view to ensure safety to animals and minimize the stress caused during transit, regulations and standards are prescribed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act; Codes of the Indian Standard Institution and guidelines of Inter-nation Air Transport Association.