

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1567  
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DEATH OF BIRDS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of birds in the Okhla Bird Sanctuary have died recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial action proposed in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) As reported by Government of Uttar Pradesh, fifty three birds were found dead in February, 2006 in Okhla Bird Sanctuary. Samples sent to the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, Bhopal have tested negative for avian influenza. Three persons were caught fishing in the area using poisonous baits and have been arrested under the relevant provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The death of the birds is attributed to these poisonous baits since dead fishes were also found along with the dead birds.

(c) Vigil has been stepped up in the area and all visitors are being checked to prevent recurrence of such incidents.