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DEATH OF ANIMALS IN DELHI ZOO

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

- (a) the details of wild animals that died in Delhi Zoo during the last three months;
- (b) the details of the officials found responsible for the death of said animals; and (
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to rectify the situation in the said zoo?

Answer

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

a) Eight animals have died during the last 3 months in the National Zoological Park, New Delhi as per the details given below:

Mammals (6 Nos.): Adult Langur Grey-1, Adult Lechwee Red-1, Leopard Cat -1, Jaguar Cubs-2 and one Hippopotamus.

Birds (2 Nos.): Black Swan -1 and Emu-1.

b) & c) Only two animals i.e. two Jaguar Cubs have died due to the negligence of the concerned animal keeper namely, Mr. Rampal. He has been placed under suspension and disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against him.

To avoid such incidents, the animal keepers are regularly sensitized to improve their efficiency. They are also sent for training for upkeep of animals on regular basis. The veterinary doctor of the Zoo also takes two rounds of the animal houses to provide immediate medical aid, if required. Regular examination of faecal material, urine and blood of all the animals is carried out along with de-worming and vaccination of the animals. The staff and officers responsible for upkeep of the animals has been directed to make all out efforts to provide best care to the animals.