

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1777
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CROSS- BREEDING OF LIONS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cross-breeding of Asiatic and African lions is being discouraged by the Government;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the details about the number of hybrid lions during the last five years and the current year, Zoo-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The cross breeding of Asiatic and African lions is being discouraged by the Government.
- (b) The Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 [Rule 10(41)] prohibits hybridisation (cross-breeding) between different species of animals or different races of the same species of the animals.
- (c) Does not arise.