

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION TO ZOOS/ZOOLOGICAL PARKS

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

- (a) the details of zoological parks/ zoos in the country, location-wise;
- (b) the details of funds and other facilities being provided to these parks/zoos by the Government;
- (c) whether the upkeep of the animals is done in consonance with the set standards of zoological parks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of tourists visited these parks during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of tourists to such parks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) The details of the Zoological Parks/ Zoos in the country, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) Development and management of a Zoo is the responsibility of the Zoo Operator. Ministry of Environment and Forests through the Central Zoo Authority provides funds to recognized Indian Zoos for construction/ improvement of animals housings, Veterinary facilities and research/ training activities on 100% basis. Whereas, for improvement of infrastructure in the zoos like footpaths, electricity network, water distribution, drainage/ sewage system, security fence, boundary wall etc. the Central Zoo Authority share fund on 50% basis. The details of the funds released to the various zoos during last three financial years (2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08) is given in the Annexure - II.
- (c) All the recognized zoos in the country are regulated as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992. The Central Zoo Authority give conditional recognition to the zoos and evaluate them from time to time for the compliance of conditions.
- (d) The details of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 is given in the Annexure - III.
- (e) & (f) The Central Zoo Authority does not collect Information on tourists visiting zoos. Attracting more visitors to zoos is also dealt at the zoo level.