

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CAPTIVE BREEDING OF THE SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the zoos in the country are facing shortage of funds for infrastructure for which Animals and Birds face the problem of reproduction;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage captive breeding of the endangered species;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and progress made so far in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to interlink all the zoological parks;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard; and
- (g) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof;

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Management and development of zoos is the responsibility of the zoo operators, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, through Central Zoo Authority provides funds to recognized zoos for creation of animal housings, veterinary facilities, and share funds on development of infrastructure in the zoos, where these are found wanting as per the standards & norms laid under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.

(c) & (d) Conservation breeding of endangered wild animal species is one of the major objectives of zoos.63 different species have been identified for the conservation breeding in Indian zoos.The Central Zoo Authority is coordinating the programme and providing financial and technical assistance for the same.

(e), (f) & (g) Yes, Sir.Ministry of Environment & Forests through the Central Zoo Authority is sponsoring joining of major Indian zoos to international species information system. Standardization of record keeping, preparation of studbooks, effective population analysis and management by exchange of animals and better healthcare of zoo animals are major benefits likely to accrue as a result of the same.