

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF ZOOLOGICAL PARKS

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

- (a) whether the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has prepared any plan for the development and maintenance of Zoological parks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated by CZA for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from any State Government including Madhya Pradesh for revamping of Zoological parks in the State;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (f) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) Central Zoo Authority has prepared a concept paper viz. Ex-Situ Wild Life Conservation and Zoos in India, Vision 2020. This document envisages achieving the objectives of zoos as indicated in National Zoo Policy, 1988 to compliment and strengthen the national efforts in the conservation of rich biodiversity of country particularly the wild fauna. Following are the important components of the Vision- 2020:

Master Plan, Construction of appropriate animal housings in zoos, Conservation Breeding Programme, Rescue and Rehabilitation, Animal Health care in zoos, Development of other infrastructure in zoos, Research, Training of in-service zoo personnel, Record keeping and International Co-operation.

(c) The details of the financial assistance provided to the zoos State-wise, is at Annexure.

(d) to(f) Central Zoo Authority provides financial assistance to recognized zoos in the country for better upkeep and maintenance of animals in the zoos. Central assistance is released after processing the proposals and as per availability of funds. During the last financial year (2009-2010), Central Zoo Authority has received proposals for financial assistance from 19 States including Madhya Pradesh as detailed in Annexure. In the current financial year (2010-2011), proposals have been received only from 3 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and West Bengal.