

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

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DEATH OF BIRDS

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

- (a) whether the cases of death of birds are increasing in the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and in the current year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Fluctuation in the population of birds & animals is a natural phenomenon and various reasons like predation, diseases, competition, and consumption of insecticide treated seeds, heat stroke, etc are attributed to it. Further, the details of deaths of birds are not collated at the level of the Central Government. However, there are no trends to indicate an increase in the number of deaths of birds in the country, including Rajasthan.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.

(e) The important steps taken by the Government for the protection of birds are as given below:

- (i) Highly threatened and critically endangered bird species are included in the Schedule -I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby affording them the highest degree of protection.
- (ii) Important habitats of birds have been declared as National Parks & Sanctuaries for their protection.
- (iii) Financial and technical assistance is provided under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for conservation of wildlife including birds and their habitat.
- (iv) Provisions of strict penalties have been incorporated under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for violation of the provisions of the Act.
- (v) Awareness is generated amongst the people for conservation of wildlife including birds.
- (vi) Farmers are advised not to sow insecticide laced seeds.