

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

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

- (a) the number of elephants in various zoos in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to relocate elephants from all the zoos in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ; and
- (d) the steps taken to make up for the loss of unique identity of zoos in the absence of elephants?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 87 elephants housed in various zoos in the country.State-wise details of the number of elephants are as follows:-

S.No. Name of the State Number of elephants housed in Zoos

1. Andhra Pradesh	10
2. Assam	12
3. Bihar	1
4. Delhi	2
5. Gujarat	2
6. Jharkhand	3
7 Karnataka	20
8. Kerala	2
9. Madhya Pradesh	2
10. Maharashtra	6
11. Orissa	5
12. Punjab	6
13. Tamil Nadu	6
14. Tripura	3
15. Uttar Pradesh	4
16. West Bengal	3
Total	87

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Till date 14 No of elephants have been shifted from different Zoo's . The decision to relocate the elephants from all the zoos to elephant camps/ rehabilitation camps/ facilities available with the Forest Department was taken with the objective of better upkeep of the elephants.

(d) Since there is very little scope for ex-situ to in-situ linkages in the context of Zoo elephants,question does not arise.