GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several instances wild animals and birds deaths have been reported from wildlife sanctuaries due to acute scarcity of water during the last summer season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide water in these sanctuaries?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Death of wild animals and birds due to the acute scarcity of water during the summer months in the Sanctuaries and other areas can not be ruled out. However, such details are not complied in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (c) Financial assistance is provided to the State/Union Territory Governments for management and protection of wildlife and their habitats including augmentation of water supply by digging ponds, creation of water holes, deepening of existing ponds and lakes etc under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'.