

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

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

- (a) Whether the Government is considering to develop Nature Parks in various parts of the country;
- (b) If so, the number of such Parks developed so far, State-wise;
- (c) Whether the Government has decided to provide financial assistance to private parties for the development of such Parks;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total funds allocated during the last three years for this purpose, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests does not have any specific proposal to develop 'Nature Parks' in the country, However, the following recognized zoos with the name as 'Nature Park' exist, which were established prior to 2000:

S.No. Name of the Zoo Year of Establishment

1. Indroda Nature Park, Gandhinagar, Gujarat 1978
2. Sir Peter Scott Nature Park, Jamnagar, Gujarat 1970
3. Sundervan Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 1978
4. Dhauladhar Nature Park, Gopalpur, Himachal Pradesh 1992
5. Himalayan Nature Park, Kufri, Himachal Pradesh 1992
6. Nature Park, Taratola, Kolkata, West Bengal 1990

- (c) No financial assistance is provided to the private parties for development of 'Nature Parks'.
- (d) & (e) Does not arise.