

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

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DECLINING POPULATION OF ANIMALS IN ZOOLOGICAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Zoological Parks in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has evaluated the reasons for sharp decline in the population of animals in these Parks;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken to protect the population of 'critically endangered' and 'vulnerable' species of animals?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 196 recognized zoos in the country. State-wise list of recognized zoos is at Annexure – I.
- (b) There has been no sharp decline in the population of animals in zoos.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The Central Zoo Authority has initiated a programme for planned coordinated conservation breeding of critically endangered wild animal species in Indian Zoos. 70 such species have been identified under the programme. List of the species taken up under the programme is at Annexure – II.