

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3533
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DECREASING POPULATION OF CERTAIN SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various endangered species including Red Panda, Brown Bear and Nilgiri Langoor are decreasing in the country as reported by Central Zoo Authority (CZA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total funds allocated/ utilized for protection of these animals during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (d) the details of funds allocated during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (e) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government for protection of these animals?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): There is no general decline in the populations of various endangered species in Indian Zoos including Red Pandas and Brown Bear. However, the number of Nilgiri langur has come down slightly in last three years in zoos. There were 28 Nilgiri langur in 6 different Indian Zoos in 2004-2005. There were 2 deaths each at Mysore zoo and at Coimbatore zoo due to senility, pneumonia, anorexia and hepatitis. There are no reports in the Ministry indicating any decline in the wild population of these species also.

(c)&(d): Total fund allotted and utilized under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries'(now renamed as 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats') and 'Central Zoo Authority' during the Xth and XIth Five Year Plan for protection of various endangered species are as under:

Rs. in Crores

| S.No | Name of Schemes | Xth Five Year Plan | XIth Five Year Plan |
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| | Allocation | Utilization | Allocation | Utilization |
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| | (upto March 2009) | | | |

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| 1. 'Assistance for Development of national Parks and Sanctuaries' (Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats) | 350.00 | 236.85 | 800.00 | 143.47 |
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| 2. Central Zoo Authority | 80.57 | 84.43 | 115.00 | 28.91 |
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(e): The Central Zoo Authority has initiated a planned co-coordinated conservation breeding programme for critically endangered species in Indian Zoos. 70 such wild animal species have been taken up under the programme.