

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

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CHECK ON DEATH OF BLACK BUCKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sanctuaries for black buck in the country;
- (b) whether several black bucks have died in Taal Chhapar Sanctuary and Karoli in Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cause of death;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to formulate for the security of black bucks in sanctuaries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) One National Park, viz, Velavadar National Park, Gujarat and three Sanctuaries, viz, Talchappar in Rajasthan, Rehekuri in Maharashtra and Ranebennur in Karnataka have been notified specifically for the conservation of Black bucks in the country. Besides these Protected Areas, Black bucks are found in other National Parks and Sanctuaries and also outside the Protected Areas.

(b)&(c) As per the information received from the State Government of Rajasthan, 125 black bucks had died in Talchappar while 15 black bucks had died in Karoli during the last three years. The Black bucks in Talchappar had died due to sudden change in temperature and cyclonic rains while in Karoli, the black bucks had died due to entrapment in marshes during the rains and subsequent predation by dogs.

(d)&(e) The Central Government provides financial assistance for protection of wildlife including Black buck Sanctuaries and National Park as per the Annual Plan of Operations submitted by the State Governments subject to availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary procedural requirements under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. No other scheme focused on Black bucks is contemplated.