

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

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DEATH OF ANIMALS IN ZOOS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of animals have recently died in zoos in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Delhi; and
- (c) the action taken/ being taken by the Government against the guilty persons and the steps taken by the Government to avoid such situation in future?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Most of the death of animals occurred in the zoos in the country are natural/ old age compounded by various diseases like septicemia, pneumonia etc.
- (b) State-wise details on death of animals and reasons thereof are annexed at Annexure – I & Annexure – II.
- (c) The Central Zoo Authority had laid standards and norms regarding upkeep and healthcare of animals under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, which is mandatory for all the zoos to follow. Necessary steps are being taken up by the respective zoo operator to avoid such situation in future also if any person found guilty for negligence etc., action is taken by respective zoo operator/ State Government.

Protocol for the veterinary care and safety of wild animals during transportation of wild animals with special reference to deer species have been prepared after conducting workshop in Tamil Nadu at Department of Wildlife Science, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai during 24th – 28th January, 2011.