

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

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MANPOWER IN ZOOS AND NATIONAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Zoos and National Parks in various parts of the country are facing the problem of vacant posts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any instructions to the State Governments to fill the vacant posts in those Zoos and National Parks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The information relating to the vacancy positions in Zoos and National Parks in the country are not compiled at the level of Central Government or by the Central Zoo Authority.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (e) Filling up of vacant posts in Zoos and National Parks is the mandate of the concerned State or Union Territory Governments/ Municipal Corporations/ Controlling authorities of the Zoos. However, the Central Zoo Authority has been emphasizing to the State Forest Departments/ Municipal Corporations and the controlling authorities of the most of the Zoos, to deploy staff as per requirement of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 in the zoos under their administrative controls. Similarly, the State/ UT Governments have been reminded from time to time to fulfill their responsibility of strengthening the protection machinery for protection of Wildlife and their habitats.