

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

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PERFORMANCE OF ZOOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of zoos in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for formulation of a grading system to evaluate the performance of zoos in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps likely to take by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 198 number of recognized Zoos in the country.
- (b) Yes, the Central Zoo Authority has plan to formulate grading system to evaluate the performance of the zoos in the country.
- (c) & (d) A Sub-committee has been constituted to review the evaluation formats which includes grading system to evaluate the zoos. The formulation of grading system to evaluate the zoos is under examination by the Sub-committee. Once, the Sub-committee recommends, it will be submitted to the Chairman, Technical Committee, Central Zoo Authority for its approval.