

**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) the number of animals and birds that have died in Zoos during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is lack of proper upkeep of animals and birds in the Zoos of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to rectify the situation;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal for modernisation of Zoos in the country; 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) The number of animals died in the zoo during last three years, state-wise is annexed at Annexure – I.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d)& (e) Yes, Sir. The Central Zoo Authority had identified region wise zoos to be developed as a Model Zoos. The details are annexed at Annexure – II. The zoos selected to be developed as model zoos shall be provided special attention to improve those significantly in order to support conservation breeding, zoo education and research.

The Central Zoo Authority is presently reviewing the Master Plan of Zoos for their long-term development and scientific management.