

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

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CHECK ON DEATHS OF BLACKBUCKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a note of the incidents of deaths of backbucks and other animals in the Kanpur, Delhi and other Zoos in the country in the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Central Zoo Authority has asked Zoos to follow strict guidelines for cages and enclosures to avoid repeat of incidents and issued any warnings on the cases of laxity; and
- (d) if so the details of compliance of the Zoos thereon?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The details of the deaths of Blackbucks and other animals during the last three years and the current year at Kanpur Zoological Park, Kanpur, National Zoological Park, Delhi and other recognized Zoos are as follows:

| Year | 2009- | 2010- | 2011- | 2012- | 2013 | Total |
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| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | (as on 31st | | |

March, 2013) Kanpur Zoological Park, Kanpur

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| Blackbuck | 13 | 11 | 5 | 46 | 75 |
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| Other Animals | 116 | 43 | 42 | 71 | 272 |
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National Zoological Park, Delhi

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| Blackbuck | 1 | 35 | 5 | 8 | 49 |
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|---------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Other Animals | 23 | 74 | 65 | 72 | 234 |
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Other Recognized Zoos

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Blackbuck | 127 | 161 | 166 | 20 | 474 |
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| Other Animals | 2757 | 2587 | 2384 | 308 | 8036 |
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(c) & (d)

(i) The Central Zoo Authority has issued detailed guidelines and standard & norms under Recognition of Zoo Rules for housing of animals. The guidelines include minimum dimensions of enclosures for animals of different species and safety measures to be adopted to protect the lives of animals housed in zoos.

(ii) The Central Zoo Authority has also been releasing financial assistance for the construction of periphery fencing/ boundary wall/ establishment of CCTV etc. to protect the lives of animals housed in various zoos.

(iii) The Central Zoo Authority conducted an enquiry into the death of Blackbucks at Kanpur Zoological Park, Kanpur and recommendations were communicated to the Zoo for immediate compliance. The Zoo authorities have been asked to take immediate preventive measures so that such incidents are not repeated in future.

(iv) In the wake of death of 14 numbers of Blackbuck at Deer Park, Meham, Haryana during 2010, the Central Zoo Authority had cancelled the application of recognition under Section 38H (6) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 accordingly de-recognized and closed the Deer Park.