

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:89  
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2013  
CHECK ON DEATHS OF GOATS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken a note that thousands of mountain goats have been died due to Ladakh's worst snowfall last December and January, 2013 due to shortage of fodder stock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has not taken sufficient steps to save the mountain goats which will otherwise hit the pashimina industry; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore and steps being taken to prevent any further loss of these golden goats in J&K valley?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d) The Question pertains to Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries. The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.