

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to sign an MoU with Germany in order to utilise their expertise for training of manpower of various Zoos of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to understand and adopt best practices for management and also create theme concept in various Zoos across the country especially in Haryana?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) & (b) The Central Zoo Authority had signed an MoU with Leipzig Zoo, Leipzig, Germany on 01.12.2012 to utilize their expertise in improving, developing and to implement future strategies in the fields of capacity building/ exchange of manpower, sharing of management practices, scientific animal exchanges, exhibit designing, research and conservation breeding programmes ongoing in various zoos in the country.
- (c) The Central Zoo Authority has issued guidelines for scientific management of zoos to the Operators of the Zoos in the country including Haryana to adopt theme based management practices on the regional animals suited to the local climate and have greater chance of success, taking into consideration the available space, available financial resources and technical expertise available with the zoos and house the animals in open, naturalistic and immersion type of exhibits.