

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

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PROTECTION OF WILD ANIMALS

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

- (a) whether the Government entrusts or proposes to entrust injured and sick wild animals and their offsprings to the care of animal lovers or to rescue centres by Non-Governmental Organisations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the guidelines issued or proposed to be issued in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from animal lovers for protection of the offsprings of wild animals and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government on the said proposal/ suggestions?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Presently there is no proposal before the Central Government to provide for entrusting injured or sick wild animals or their offsprings to the care of animal lovers or to rescue centres by Non-Governmental Organizations. However, such matters are under the purview of the respective State/Union Territory Governments.

The Central Zoo Authority had granted recognition under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to the 16 nos. of Rescue Centre run by various organizations/ departments to house injured and sick wild animals following the guidelines of the Central Zoo Authority.

(c) The Government of India through the Central Zoo Authority has issued guidelines for scientific management of zoos & Rescue Centres to their Operators across the country, regarding the provision of space, financial resources and technical expertise with the Rescue Centre, treating the animals and house them in open, naturalistic enclosures. The guidelines also state that all rescued sick or injured wild animals should be rehabilitated back in wild or in regular lifetime care facility/zoo/rescue centre depending upon the condition/ suitability of the individuals.

(d) No proposals have been received in the Ministry during the financial year 2013-14 from animal lovers for protection of the offspring of wild animals.

(e) Does not arise.