

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing assistance to the local bodies of the States for developing Zoos in their states;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the development of Zoos located at Siddharth Garden in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra;
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Central Zoo Authority provides financial assistance to the recognized zoos operated by various agencies including the local bodies on activity basis, as below:-
- (i) 100% assistance is provide for construction of new animal enclosures/modernization of existing animal enclosures for endangered species, creation/upgradation of veterinary facilities, research and training and
 - (ii) 50% assistance for development/improvement of infrastructure in the Zoos like footpaths, electricity network, water distribution network, drainage/ sewage system, security fence/ boundary wall, education and development of visitors' facilities of non-commercial use.
- (c) (d) & (e) The Zoo operator for Aurangabad Municipal Zoo is the Municipal Corporation of Aurangabad. Steps for development of Zoo are, therefore, to be taken up by the Corporation. As a requirement for availing the assistance from Central Zoo Authority, approval of Master (Layout) Plan has already been accorded for the Zoo. No request for the financial assistance for the development of zoo has been received in Central Zoo Authority.