

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:400
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2009
NEW ZOOLOGICAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of zoological parks in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has finalised a vision document for the development of zoological parks/birds sanctuaries in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a),(b)&(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 400 ON NEW ZOOLOGICAL PARKS DUE FOR REPLY ON 16.12.2009

(a) There are 197 zoological parks in the country including rescue centres and circuses.

(b) & (c) The Central Zoo Authority has prepared a document namely "Ex situ Wildlife Conservation and Zoos in India, Vision-2020", for the future development of zoos in the country. Based on the same, all the zoos have been directed to prepare long-term Master Plans, as per prescribed guidelines/format. Further, there are 95 bird sanctuaries in the country but there is no vision document for bird sanctuaries.