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CONSERVATION BREEDING PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Zoo Authority has initiated a planned coordinated conservation breeding programme for critically endangered species in Indian Zoos and some wild animal species, considered critically endangered were taken up under the programme;

(b) if so, the details of the wild animal species which were taken up under the conservation breeding programme;

(c) the present status of this programme along with the amount of funds allocated and utilized, till date;

(d) whether the programme is operating as envisaged and the desired result has been achieved; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)&(b) The Central Zoo Authority has prioritized 26 species out of the total identified 73 endangered species for Conservation Breeding Programme and the programme for 23 species has been launched on 2008. The list of species is as below:

White backed vulture, Long billed vulture, Slender billed vulture, Red panda, Hangul, Golden langur, Hoolock gibbon, Clouded leopard, Rhinoceros, Indian Pangolin, Thamin deer, Western tragopan, Phayre`s leaf monkey, Lion tailed monkey, Mouse deer, Binturong, Pig-tailed monkey, Shaheen falcons, Himalayan monal, King cobra, Cheer pheasant, Himalayan salamander, Grey jungle fowl.

(c) An amount of Rs. 22.21 crores have been allocated for the programme since the year 2008-09 so far.
An amount of Rs. 20.31 crores has been utilized sofar.

(d)&(e) The Conservation Breeding Programme is a long term process. Desired results are achieved in due course of time. However, in few species namely Red panda, Cheer pheasant, Mouse deer and Snow leopard desired results have been achieved.