

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6373
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ASIATIC LION SAFARI PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gujarat Forest Department has taken up a project for creating another Asiatic Lion Safari Park at Ambardi in Amreli Districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Gujarat Forest Department has requested the Central Zoo Authority on 1st October, 2013 for granting final approval for the Safari Park; and
- (c) if so, the time by which final permission from the Central Zoo Authority is likely to be accorded ?

Answer

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

- (a) The Gujarat Forest Department submitted a project to Central Zoo Authority for creating Safari Park cum Gir Interpretation Park at Ambardi in Amreli District of Gujarat in 2006. The proposal was accorded in principal approval on 21st May, 2008, which was approved by the Supreme Court on 9 January, 2009.
- (b) and (c) The design of the proposed park received was discussed in the meeting of Expert Group on Zoo Designing of Central Zoo Authority on 26th February, 2015 wherein the Expert Group has requested the Gujarat Forest Department to carry out amendments in the designs of the proposed Safari Park. No time period can be assigned for granting permission by Central Zoo Authority.