

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

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Death of Animals  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the deaths of animals have been reported in the zoos in the country including the National Capital Territory of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the total number of deaths of animals occurred so far in the current year along with the reasons therefor; State-wise;
- (c) the details of action taken by the Government against the zoo authority/officials in this regard; and
- (d) whether the zoo Authority of India has taken efforts to ensure protection to the animals and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes sir/s, the deaths of animals have been reported in the zoos in the country including the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- (b) The total number of deaths of animals occurred along with reasons as reported by 26 zoos from 17 States/Union Territories so far in the current year is annexed at Annexure-I.
- (c) Since most of the deaths of animals in zoos are due to natural reasons such as old age, cardiac arrest, Pneumonia, and Septicaemia, no action is required to be taken by the Government.
- (d) Yes Sir/s. The Central Zoo Authority has stipulated standards/norms under Recognition of Zoo (Amendment) Rules, 2013 with reference to protection of animals which include timely supply of quality food and water, regular screening for parasitic loads, upkeep and healthcare of zoo animals, screening against zoonotic diseases by the veterinary officer of the zoo. Further, the Central Zoo Authority designated the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly as National Referral Centre for disease diagnosis and care of wild animals. Also has developed 'Standards, Guidelines and Protocol on Disease Diagnosis and Cure of Wild Animals in Indian Zoos' in collaboration with the IVRI and the same has been circulated to zoos all over the country.

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