

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Stray Animals

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for stray animals to protect them from road accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to release such animals to their natural habitat or handed them over to zoos; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Wild animals sometimes meet road accidents while crossing the roads within or adjacent to forests. While there are programmes for conservation of wild animals which include activities for habitat improvement, there is no specific scheme for protecting the animals from road accidents.

In case of roads passing through or close to forest areas which have high density of wildlife, appropriate signages for caution to the passing traffic are insisted and speed restrictions are imposed at the stretches where found necessary.

Moreover, while considering the activities of up gradation and widening of roads within or adjacent to protected areas, such proposals are carefully appraised in the State Forest Departments, State Board for Wildlife and National Board for Wildlife, to provide for adequate mitigation measures for safety of animals as well as commuters. Besides, for ensuring continuity of habitat, facilities for safe passage for animals, like under passes etc. are insisted in the design of roads.

(c) and (d) State Forest Departments organize rescue and rehabilitation of animals meeting road accidents for subsequent release in natural habitat. The wild animals which are not fit for releasing back to the wild are housed in Zoos and Rescue Centres recognized by the Central Zoo Authority. There are fifteen Rescue Centres in nine States operated by State Forest Departments or Non Governmental Organizations, co-ordinated by the Central Zoo Authority for immediate care and rehabilitation of wild animals. The details of such Rescue Centres are annexed at Annexure-I.
