

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

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GUIDELINES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN ZOOS

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

- (a) Whether a man was killed by white tiger at the Delhi zoo recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the zoo-keeper in Indian zoos are not well trained to respond in such emergency situations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken and guidelines issued by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has given any compensation to the next kin of the deceased in the said incident, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such unfortunate incidents in future?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) Yes Sir. On 23-09-2014 in the National Zoological Park, New Delhi around 13.00 hours a visitor named Shri Maksood son of Mehfooz, aged about 20 years crossed the stand-off barrier of the white tiger enclosure in Beat No. 8 and jumped into the enclosure. Shri Praveen, Guard posted at the enclosure sounded the alarm and contacted his supervisor and other staff of the zoo by sending wireless SOS messages. Shri Praveen along with other staff of the zoo tried to divert the attention of the tiger from the visitor but he could not be saved.

(c) & (d) In National Zoological Park the Zoo Keepers are well trained as per guidelines of Central Zoo Authority to handle such emergency situations. In Master Plan 2012-31 there is an emergency protocol to ensure the safety of visitors.

(e) An amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh has been paid as ex-gratia amount to the family of the deceased.

(f) The help of National Disaster Management Authority has been taken by the National Zoological Park to train the Zoo Keepers to handle in such situation and prevent such incidents in future. The officer-in-charge of the other zoos in the country have also been advised by the Central Zoo Authority to review the contingency, emergency and disaster management plan in vogue for strengthening the same and its immediate implementation.