

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

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SETTING UP OF INTERNATIONAL ZOO

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought clearance from the Central Wild Life Department for setting up of an International Zoo in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether officials from the Central Zoo Authority have visited the park and gave their concurrence;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and
- (e) the time by which the necessary clearance is likely to be given in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a)& (b) The State Government of Maharashtra has sought clearance from Central Zoo Authority, Delhi for setting up of an International Zoo in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai on an area of 190 acres with an objective to establish Night Safari, specialized zoo & Botanical garden to impart nature education to the public.
- (c) The Committee members from Central Zoo Authority have visited the proposed site on 17.10.2014 and submitted a report. The committee members have found the selected site suitable for the establishment of international level zoo.
- (d) The observations submitted by team members who have visited the site have been sent to the State Government of Maharashtra.
- (e) No time frame can be provided for a clearance in this regard.