

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2748  
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SAFETY FEATURES IN ZOOS  
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

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

- (a) whether a number of cases of injury/deaths of humans due to animal attacks in zoos have been reported during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether any lacuna/inadequacy has been noticed/detected in the safety features in zoos and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to lay down minimum safety standards that zoos must conform to before being allowed to be opened to the public and if so, the details thereof and expected timeline for compliance?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No Sir, no cases of injury/ deaths of humans due to animal attacks in zoos have been reported except the incident in National Zoological Park, New Delhi on 23.09.2014, wherein a visitor jumped in to the enclosure of white tiger, after crossing the standoff barrier, and died.
- (b) No lacuna/inadequacy has been noticed / detected in the safety features in Zoos.
- (c) The Central Zoo Authority had prescribed standards and norms in Recognition of Zoo Rules (Amendment) Rules, 2013 and guidelines for the scientific management of zoos and the zoo operators have been asked for its strict compliance.