

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3942**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2018

**Dietary Changes for Animals in Zoos**

3942: SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASAREDDY:

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

- (a) whether in some zoos dietary changes for animals has been introduced recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether some zoos in the country have decided to stop procurement of poultry meat and replaced it with additional quantities of beef and eggs daily to feed animals, mostly carnivores such as lions, tigers and panthers following outbreak of bird flu in some States, an airborne disease and other diseases like H5N1 virus;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, zoo-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the staff has been vigilant and all possible steps have been taken to ensure safety of animals and birds in the zoos in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the cases of avian flu or unnatural bird deaths in the zoos reported in the country in recent times?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
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- (a) to (d) The establishment and operation/management of the zoo including dietary changes, if any, is the responsibility of the respective Zoo Operator. The information regarding dietary changes for animals, procurement of feed etc. are not compiled and collated at the level of the Ministry.
- (e) The Ministry has not received any reports of incidences of avian flu or unnatural bird death in zoos in the country in recent time.

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