

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CRUELTY AGAINST ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of cruelty against animals noticed in the country during each of the last three years and the current year :
- (b) whether animals are subjected to cruelty and misbehaviour in the circus and other kind of exhibitions; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check this cruelty against animals ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The information available with the Ministry till 1999-2000 is annexed. Information beyond that period is awaited from the state/UT Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government has banned exhibition of five animals viz, lion, tiger, panther, bear and monkey vide notification number 9-9/97-Aw dated 14th October,1998 . the reserved animals from circuses are being sent to the various rescue centres which have been set up at Chennai, Bangalore Vishakhapatnam, Jaipur & Tirupati.