

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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BREEDING OF WILD ANIMALS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India lack infrastructure to protect its animals and birds from being killed for their specific body parts/organs;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government are exploring the possibilities of allowing private parties to breed wild animals and extract medicinal products from them;
- (d) if so, the detailed strategy chalked out in this regard;
- (e) whether the musk deer farm in Uttaranchal has failed to yield any results;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the reasons for choosing musk deer for captive breeding ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) Protection of wild animals and birds from poaching and illegal trade in their parts and products is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. For this purpose, the State Governments have established Forest and Wild Life Departments with officers and field staff trained in management and protection. Assistance of other departments like, Police, CBI, Customs etc, specialized institutions, NGO's and individuals is also taken in this regard. It is mentioned that the natural habitat of wild animals & birds is not restricted to the forests and protected areas alone. There are many species which are found in association with human habitations and, therefore, it is difficult to provide complete protection to all species of animals and birds.

(c) & (d) According to the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, permission can be granted to individuals and others for captive breeding and extraction of snake venom for the purpose of manufacture of life saving drugs. There is currently no plan for allowing private parties to breed other wild animals for the extraction of medicinal products from them.

(e) & (f) As informed by the State Government, the Kanchula Khark Musk Deer Farm in Uttaranchal has been successful from the point of view of reproduction, scientific research and study on musk deer.

(g) As informed by the State Government, the captive breeding of musk deer was taken up for the purpose of scientific research and population management.