

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:122  
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MEALS FOR WILD ANIMALS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether wild animals in various zoos are not being fed properly due to ban on slaughter of certain animals ;
- (b) if so, the alternative meat being provided to the animals;
- (c) the monthly expenditure incurred on non-conventional meat as compared to conventional meat for wild animals ;
- (d) whether conventional meat is proposed to be imported; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) It has come to the notice of the Central Government that supply of meat for zoo animals in Nandan Kanan Zoological Park, Bhubaneswar has been disrupted because of the closure of the slaughter house from which they were obtaining cow meat.
- (b) Nandan Kanan Zoological Park has been advised to give buffalo meat to the zoo animals. Most of the zoos in the country feed zoo animals on buffalo meat only.
- (c) Monthly expenditure (6.6.02 to 5.7.02) on non-conventional meats was approximately Rs 5.08 lakhs as against approximately Rs 1.34 lakhs on conventional meats.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.