

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

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DISEASE AMONGST LIONS AND TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Tigers and Lions in various Zoological Parks/Wild Life Sanctuaries of the country are suffering from parasitic disease called tripanosomiasis ;
- (b) if so, the details indicating the number of tigers/lions who died as a result thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken to check spread of this disease?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There are no reports of incidents of wild animals suffering from tripanosomiasis from any wildlife sanctuary. The number of deaths due to tripanosomiasis in zoo animals during last three years is as under -

YEAR	Name of the Zoo	Number of Tigers & lions died due to Trypanosomiasis
1999-2000	1.Hydrabad Zoo 2.Nandan Kanan Zoo	11
2000-2001	1.Nandan Kanan Zoo	11
2001-2002	nil	nil

(c) The zoos keeping lions and tigers in their collection have been directed to carry out periodic screening against blood borne parasitic diseases and take preventive and prophylactic measures.