

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2272  
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DEATH OF TIGERS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether 66 out of 67 tiger cubs born in Nandankanan Zoological Park in Orissa died since 1995;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent occurrence of such deaths in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a)&(b) As per records of Central Zoo Authority, there have been 66 tiger births in Nandankanan Zoo since 1-4-1995. Out of these, 24 cubs have died. Year-wise detail of tiger cubs death is as follows:-

Year	Deaths of Cubs
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1995-96	3
1996-97	2
1997-98	7
1998-99	6
1999-2000	6

Total 24

(c) Special technical inputs have been provided to the Zoo Director about care of tiger cubs including detrainings of nutritional requirement, reduction of over-crowding, provision of breeding cell in which the mother and young ones can stay with minimum disturbance can also improve the survival of tiger cubs subsequently.