

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5580  
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DECLINE IN VISITORS OF DELHI ZOO  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a steady drop in visitors of Delhi Zoo as reported in 'The Hindu' dated 11 January 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being initiated by the Government to attract more visitors to Delhi Zoo?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) No, Sir. On the contrary the visitors data of last three years as below clearly reveal that there is increase in number of visitors –

S.No. Year No. of Visitors (in lacs)

1	2002-03	12.73
2	2003-04	13.35
3	2004-05	13.44

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Zoological Park has already enhanced the public facilities viz. installation of sufficient number of resting benches, public convenience, drinking water (Water vending machine) facilities, improve the transportation facilities inside National Zoological Park by augmenting battery operated trolleys, etc. The visitors participation programmes such as Wildlife Week, Van Mahotsav, Seminars, Principal / Teachers Orientation Programme, Guided Tours, Zoo Club, etc. are also being organized to attract more visitors to the Zoo.