

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3632
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004
DEATHS OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS IN DELHI ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of deaths of birds and other wild animals in the Zoological park in Delhi reportedly increased in recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of such deaths reported during the last two months;
- (c) whether the Government propose to conduct an inquiry into it;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Deaths of animals do occur in Zoo, and there have been reports of deaths in the National Zoological Park in Delhi also. However, there is no set pattern in such deaths to establish that there is an increasing trend in the deaths of zoo animals. The details of deaths of birds and other animals during the last two months are at Annexure.

(c) & (d) The Government arranges to conduct inquiry only in the cases where the deaths are suspected to be a result of unnatural causes. The Government have constituted a three member expert committee to enquire into the circumstances leading to the death of the Asiatic lions.

(e) Does not arise.
Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3632 to be answered on 23.08.2004 regarding Deaths of Animals and Birds in Delhi Zoo.

Sl.No. Date Species Name Cause of death

1	05.4.2004	PALM CIVET COMMON	PNEUMONITIS
2	11.4.2004	INDIAN LIONESS (SITOOO)	MULTIPLE INFECTION AND SELENITY
3	12.4.2004	DEER SWAMP	ACUTE ENTERITIS
4	18.5.2004	CHAUSINGA	INFIGHTING SHOCK AND DEATH
5	21.5.2004	LANGURE GREY	COLITIS
6	30.6.2004	LIONESS INDIAN (SARASWATI)	PULMONARY EMPHYCAEMA MECROSIS LEVER
7	03.7.2004	HIPPOTAMOUS	INFIGHTING SHOCK AND DEATH
8	06.7.2004	DEER BARKING	DOG BITE, SHOCK AND DEATH
9	23.7.2004	HIM BLACK BEAR	HEAT STROCK
10	25.7.2004	JACKAL	ACUTE MYOCARDITIS
11	26.7.2004	CAT FISHING	ACUTE HAEMORRAGIC ENTERITIS
12	27.7.2004	JACKAL	INFIGHTING SHOCK AND DEATH
13	28.7.2004	STORK BLACK NECKED (BIRD) CHOCK,	SHOCK AND DEATH