

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4515  
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ANTHRAX DISEASE IN GIR SANCTUARY  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether a highly infectious anthrax disease has hit the neighbouring villages of Gir Sanctuary in Gujarat, killing domestic animals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to arrest the spread of the disease;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to check the seriousness of the disease and take steps to save the Gir lions and other wild animals habitants of the sanctuary; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Incidence of anthrax disease has been reported in confined condition from one village namely, Dedakiyali, Mendara Taluka, Junagadh District near Gir Sanctuary in February 2006. The Gujarat Animal Husbandry Department reported the deaths of 14 cows in the village.
- (c) The district administration has ordered and ensured the isolation of infected animals, safe disposal of carcasses and vaccination of all domestic animals in the village.
- (d) & (e) Yes Sir. Prophylactic measures like disease monitoring and prevention have been taken by the park management of Gir.