

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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OVERCROWDING OF ANIMALS IN ZOOS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is overcrowding of animals in certain zoos; and  
(b) if so, the steps taken by the Central Zoo Authority to prevent overcrowding of animals in zoos?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir. There is over crowding of prolifically breeding species in certain zoos.

(b) The Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 (Rule 10 Sub Rule 36 & 40) prescribes that is mandatory for every zoo to keep in its collection only such numbers of animals and such species for which housing facility exists and in order to safeguard against uncontrolled growth in the population of prolifically breeding animals, zoos shall implement appropriate population control measures. The Central Zoo Authority has also issued guidelines for keeping the number of Panther, Tiger, Blue bull, Chital, Sambar and Black buck in large, medium and small zoos, which is provided below:-

Category No. of Tiger/ No. of Blue bull,  
of Zoo Panther Chital, Sambar  
and Black buck

Large Zoo	10	20
Medium	6	12
Small	4	10