

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

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ASSISTANCE TO ZOOLOGICAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of zoological parks in the country to which financial assistance has been provided during the last two years;
- (b) the manner in which proper care of animals and birds in zoos is ensured;
- (c) whether any instances of negligence leading to the death of animals have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has provided financial assistance to 33 Zoos during the financial year 2004-2005 and to 28 Zoos during 2005-2006.
- (b) The Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 prescribes the standards & guidelines for proper upkeep of animals & birds in the zoos. The Zoos are evaluated periodically to assess the compliance of these standards & guidelines. Strict action is taken against the zoos, which fail to comply these guidelines and their recognition is refused.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.