

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3613  
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GUIDELINES FOR PARK SANCTUARIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of recognized and unrecognized National Zoological Parks/Sanctuaries/Forest Reserves in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the details of guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) for their maintenance and upkeep;
- (c) whether some of these parks/sanctuaries/forest reserves are in bad shape;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have received proposals from different States for development and maintenance of Sanctuaries/National Parks/ Reserves etc. during the last three years and current year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the steps being taken to clear these schemes?

**Answer**

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

- (a) There is only one recognized National Zoological Park which is situated in Delhi. In addition to that there are 158 recognised Zoos, 96 National Parks and 509 Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country.
- (b) The Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act prescribes the minimum standards and norms for maintenance and upkeep of animals in zoos. These standards are mandatory in nature and are to be strictly followed by the zoos. The Central Zoo Authority also issues guidelines from time to time with respect to proper healthcare of wild animals in zoos which are complied by all the States.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise
- (e) & (f) The proposals seeking financial assistance for development and maintenance of National Parks / Sanctuaries /Reserves are submitted by the concerned States in the form of Annual Plan of Operation (APOs). The proposals are processed and sanctioned under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' as per the APOs submitted and the availability of funds. The details of funds released to the various States during the last three years are placed at Annexure - I, II and III respectively. No funds have been released in the current year i.e. 2006-07.