

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3611
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CLOSURE OF ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain zoos in the country are on the verge of closure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the States where zoos have been closed down, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received requests from the State for financial assistance and allocation of alternative sites for resettlement of zoos; and
- (e) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to enable the animals to complete their normal life span where the zoos have been closed down?

Answer

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

(a) (c) No, Sir. Does not arise.

The list of zoos which have been closed by the various States is provided below:-

S.No.	Name of	No.of
	the State	Zoos closed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10
2.	Assam	01
3.	Bihar	12
4.	Chhatisgarh	01
5.	Daman & Diu	01
6.	Gujarat	01
7.	Haryana	06
8.	Jharkhand	01
9.	Karnataka	05

10. Madhya Pradesh 02

11. Maharashtra 14

12. Orissa 02

13. Punjab 06

14. Sikkim

15. Tamil Nadu 04

16. Uttar Pradesh 19

17. Uttaranchal 01

18. West Bengal 05

Total 92

(d) (e) No, Sir.

The State Government which have closed down the zoos have rehabilitated the wild animals either in the recognized zoos of the State or by way of releasing them in their natural habitats.