

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

Status of zoos in the country

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of zoos in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of zoos that have been set up in the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal for the formulation of a grading system to evaluate the performance of the zoos in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) There are 155 Zoos recognised by the Central Zoo Authority under section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in the country. The State/UT-wise number of the recognized zoos in country is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The State/UT-wise number of zoos for which prior permission for establishment has been accorded by the Central Zoo Authority under section 38H(1-A) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 during last five years is placed as **Annexure-II**.
- (c) and (d) The Central Zoo Authority has instituted systematic assessment of zoo through the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) for zoos to identify gaps and design strategies to improve zoo management, conservation, education and animal welfare. The MEE-Zoo is conducted every four years. The first phase was conducted in 2021 which covered 39 zoos (16 large category zoos and 23 medium category zoos).

Annexure referred to in part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1641 due for reply on 03.08.2023 regarding “Status of zoos in the country”.

State/UT-wise number of recognized zoos in the country

S.No.	State / Union Territory	Number of zoos
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	5
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4
4.	Assam	3
5.	Bihar	2
6.	Chhattisgarh	3
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
8.	Delhi	1
9.	Goa	1
10.	Gujarat	10
11.	Haryana	6
12.	Himachal Pradesh	7
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	6
14.	Jharkhand	4
15.	Karnataka	14
16.	Kerala	6
17.	Ladakh	1
18.	Madhya Pradesh	4
19.	Maharashtra	12
20.	Manipur	1
21.	Meghalaya	2
22.	Mizoram	2
23.	Nagaland	1
24.	Odisha	9
25.	Punjab	5
26.	Rajasthan	5
27.	Sikkim	1
28.	Tamil Nadu	6
29.	Telangana	7
30.	Tripura	1
31.	Uttar Pradesh	8
32.	Uttarakhand	3
33.	West Bengal	13
	Grand Total	155

Annexure – II

Annexure referred to in part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1641 due for reply on 03.08.2023 regarding “Status of zoos in the country”.

State/UT-wise number of zoos for which prior permission for establishment has been accorded by the Central Zoo Authority as per the section 38H(1A) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

Financial Year	State / Union Territory	Number of zoo accorded prior permission for establishment
2022-23	Madhya Pradesh	1
	Rajasthan	1
2021-22	Assam	1
	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1
	Karnataka	1
	Madhya Pradesh	1
	Maharashtra	1
	Rajasthan	2
	Uttar Pradesh	6
	Uttarakhand	1
2020-21	Jammu and Kashmir	1
	Karnataka	1
	Tamil Nadu	1
	Uttarakhand	1
2019-20	Karnataka	1
	Rajasthan	1
	Uttar Pradesh	1
	Uttarakhand	1
2018-19	Gujarat	4
	Kerala	1
	Uttarakhand	3
