

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 391
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

Condition of National Zoological Park, Delhi

391. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the dismal state of affairs in National Zoological Park in Delhi like living conditions of animals, including inadequate space and facilities that do not meet the international/ global standards, if so, the reasons thereof;
- (b) funds allocated and spent on infrastructure, renovation and modernization of the Zoo in the last five years, year-wise details;
- (c) the details of the MoU signed with outside agencies to engage consultants for the modernization of Delhi Zoo; and
- (d) steps taken by Government for enhancing the visitor experience, outdated facilities, modernization to improve the habitat for animals?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) National Zoological Park, Delhi is a zoo recognized by the Central Zoo Authority. The animal enclosures and facilities in the National Zoological Park, Delhi are evaluated by the Central Zoo Authority in accordance with the standard and norms laid in Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.
- (b) The details of funds allocated to the National Zoological Park towards maintenance and creation of new infrastructure during last five years are as follows:

Financial Year	New infrastructure and modernization		Repair & maintenance of existing infrastructure	
	Allocation (in Lakhs)	Expenditure (in Lakhs)	Allocation (in Lakhs)	Expenditure (in Lakhs)
2019-2020	500	351.47	500.00	496.49
2020-2021	500	499.84	380.00	379.97
2021-2022	270	265.86	500.00	339.69
2022-2023	600	600	122.00	111.12
2023-2024	1000	999.89	141.00	130.53

- (c) The details of organizations with which Memorandum of Understandings have been signed by the National Zoological Park, Delhi towards modernization, animal health studies, exchange of animals, scientific management of animals, conservation breeding, conservation education and capacity building are as follows:
- i. Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, West Bengal
 - ii. Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar, Gujarat
 - iii. Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
 - iv. Turtle Survival Alliance-India, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
 - v. Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana
 - vi. National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi
- (d) National Zoological Park, Delhi has taken a number of steps for enhancing the visitor experience and for improving the habitat for animals. These include online ticketing system for visitors, installation of informative signages for creating awareness, undertaking plantation of native trees and shrubs, creating better surroundings for animals, providing battery operated vehicle services for visitors, education and awareness programmes and CCTV surveillance of animal enclosures.
