GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4303 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2017

Endangered White Tigers

4303. DR. RATNA DE (NAG): SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for creating digital database of endangered White Tigers found in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time limit for completion of the aforesaid project and legal constraints, if any?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) & (b) Government does not have any proposal regarding creating digital database of endangered White Tigers found in country. Number of white tigers found in the country is not collated in the Central Zoo Authority. However, the zoos recognised under Section 38H(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 submit the annual inventory of all animals kept in the zoo every year to the Central Zoo Authority as per provisions under Rule 11(1) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009. This annual inventory includes the number of white tigers in the zoos of the country. The Annual Inventory Report received from the zoos is compiled in the Central Zoo Authority and is published as 'Annual Inventory of Animals in Indian Zoos'. This Annual Inventory of the animals, including white tiger, is available on the website of the Central Zoo Authority at www.cza.nic.in. As on 31st March, 2016, the number of white tigers in the zoos in India is 107(47 Males: 53 Females: 7 Unidentified sex).
 - (c) Does not arise.
