

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1904
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.12.2017

Cleanliness in National Parks

1904. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken efforts to implement Swachh Bharat Mission in national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and zoos in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including efforts undertaken to handle solid waste management and disposal in such areas;
- (c) the number of zoos, sanctuaries and national parks where the Swachh Bharat Mission is being implemented, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken cognizance of various instances of improper disposal of plastic waste at zoos and sanctuaries and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to prevent the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) and (b) Yes Madam. Ministry have undertaken the following efforts to implement *Swachh Bharat Mission* in Protected Areas (National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries) and Zoos in India:
 - i. 21 Protected Areas across India were selected to take up the cleanliness and sanitation awareness generation activities in furtherance of *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*.
 - ii. Advisories on Waste Management in and around Protected Areas (PAs) were issued on 27th October, 2016 and on 9th June, 2017 to all States and UTs Forest Department to segregate the wastes into bio-degradable and non bio-degradable wastes.
 - iii. States were advised to take 'Green Pledge' and carry out

sensitization and cleanliness drives in and around villages situated in the vicinity of PAs by involving staff of forest department, students and Self Help Groups.

- iv. Ministry has issued an O.M. to all States/ UTs dated 29th June, 2017 and intimated about the extension of *Swaccha Pakhwada* (Cleanliness fortnight) till 31st December, 2017.

- (c) *Swacch Bharat* programme were conducted by State/UT Forest Department in the following Protected Areas and Zoos by involving officials and staff, local people, children and visitors:

S. No.	Protected Area/Zoo	State/UT
1.	Corbett Tiger Reserve	Uttarakhand
2.	Sundarbans Tiger Reserve	West Bengal
3.	Kaziranga Tiger Reserve	Assam
4.	Kanha Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh
5.	Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary	Andhra Pradesh
6.	Flamingo Wildlife Sanctuary	Maharashtra
7.	Chilika and Gahrimatha Sanctuary	Odisha
8.	Harishankar Zoo	Odisha
9.	National Zoological Park	New Delhi
10.	Kanpur Zoological Park	Uttar Pradesh
11.	Chandigarh Forest Range	Chandigarh
12.	Various Forest Ranges and Forest beats	Andaman & Nicobar Islands

- (d) No reports have come to the notice of the Ministry for instances of improper disposal of plastic waste at zoos and sanctuaries. However, all PAs and Zoos were advised to ban/prohibit plastic and polythene inside their premises and make them plastic free zones by 31st May, 2018.
