

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019

Zoos in Rajasthan

3372. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

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

- (a) the details of functional zoos in Rajasthan along with the zoo-wise details of the number of animals in it;
- (b) whether new animals have been brought in to such zoos during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the number of new animals every year and for the upgradation of these zoos;
- (d) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for the upgradation of zoos of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to transfer animals from zoos of Rajasthan to other places or other zoos and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) As informed by the Central Zoo Authority, there are five Zoos in the State of Rajasthan that are recognized under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Number of animals reported by zoos located in the State of Rajasthan is given in the **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Yes, Sir. Details on acquisition of animals by zoos located in the State of Rajasthan during last three years, approved by the Central Zoo Authority, under Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, is given in the **Annexure-II**.
- (c) The Central Zoo Authority, as per the existing guidelines, approves Master Plan for long-term development of zoos and takes decision on proposals regularly received from the Zoo Operator for acquisition/exchange of animals according to approved Animal Collection Plan of the respective zoo. Further, the Central Zoo Authority regularly evaluates zoos and stipulates conditions for compliance to upgrade zoos as per standard norms prescribed in the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

In case of recognized zoos located in the State of Rajasthan, the Central Zoo Authority Approved Layout Plan of the Machida Biological Park, Jodhpur Marudhara Biological Park, Bikaner, Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur and Sajjangarh Biological Park, Udaipur respectively.

Respective Zoo Operator is responsible for establishment and operation of zoos including acquisition of captive animals as per approved Animal Collection Plan and upgradation of the zoo as per approved Master Plan.

- (d) Yes, Sir, the Central Zoo Authority approves Master Plan for long-term development of zoos including that of Rajasthan. Master Plan of a Zoo is a comprehensive document dealing with planned development of infrastructure.
- (e) Proposal for transfer / exchange / acquisition of animals is made by the respective Zoo Operator. Details of proposals approved by the Central Zoo Authority, during last three years, under Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, for transfer or exchange or acquisition of animals from or to zoos located in the State of Rajasthan are at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PARTS (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 3372 REGARDING 'ZOOS IN RAJASTHAN' BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI DUE FOR REPLY ON 12.7.2019.

Number of animals housed in zoos located in the State of Rajasthan:

Sl.	Zoo	Location	Number of animals housed	Stock as on
1	Kota Zoo	Kota	126	31.03.2018
2	Machia Biological Park	Jodhpur	391	31.03.2019
3	Bikaner Zoo	Bikaner	165	31.03.2019
4	Nahargarh Biological Park	Jaipur	376	31.03.2019
5	Sajjangarh Biological Park	Udaipur	385	31.03.2019

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 3372 REGARDING 'ZOOS IN RAJASTHAN' BY SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI DUE FOR REPLY ON 12.7.2019.

Details of transfer/exchange/acquisition of animals from or to zoos located in the State of Rajasthan:

Year 2018-19:

Sl.	Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)*	Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)
1	Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur
	Indian Gazelle 5:5:0	Gharial 1:1:0
		Crocodile 1:1:0
2	Sakkarbaug Zoological Park, Junagadh	Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur
	Nil	Indian Grey Wolf 0:2:0
3	Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Zoological Garden, Surat	Sajjangarh Biological Park, Udaipur
	Sloth Bear 0:1:0	Nil
4	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur	Kanan Pendari Zoological Garden, Bilaspur
	Indian Wolf 1:1:0	Sloth Bear 1:1:0
5	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur	Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru
	Indian Wolf 1:1:0	Hippopotamus 1:1:0

(M : F : U)* = Male : Female : Unsexed

Release of surplus stock from zoos located in Rajasthan in their natural habitat:

Sl.	Name of the Zoo and animals released	Site of release
1	Kota Zoo, Kota	Mukundra Tiger Reserve
	Spotted Deer 30:20:0	
2	Bikaner Zoo, Bikaner	Mukundra Tiger Reserve
	Spotted Deer 0:0:100	

Year 2017-18:

Sl.	Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)*	Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)
1	Pilikula Biological Park, Mangaluru	Sajjangarh Biological Park, Udaipur
	Hybrid Lion 0:1:0	Hybrid Lion 1:0:0
2	M.C. Zoological Park, Chhatbir	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur
	Spot-billed Duck 0:0:4	Indian Wolf 1:2:0

	Swamp Deer	1:1:0		
	Lady Amherst Pheasant	1:1:0		
3	Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur		Sajjangerh Biological Park, Udaipur	
	Chinkara	2:4:0	Nil	
4	Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur		Kanpur Zoological Park, Kanpur	
	Indian Gazelle	2:6:0	Tiger	1:1:0
	Wolf	1:2:0	Porcupine	2:2:0
			Palm Civet	1:1:0

Year 2016-17:

Sl.	Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)*		Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)	
1	Kanan Pendari Zoological Garden, Bilaspur		Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur	
	Sloth Bear	1:1:0	Indian Gazelle	2:4:0
	Hyena	1:0:0		
2	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur		Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru	
	Gharial	2:0:0	Sangai Deer	2:2:0
	Jackal	2:1:0		
3	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur		Kanan Pendari Zoological Garden, Bilaspur	
	Indian Wolf	1:3:0	Asiatic Lion	1:1:0
4	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur		Sajjangerh Biological Park, Udaipur	
	Indian Wolf	0:1:0	Nil	
5	Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai		Sajjangerh Biological Park, Udaipur	
	White Tiger	1:0:0	Nil	
6	Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur		Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai	
	Indian Wolf	0:1:0	Nil	
7	Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai		Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur	
	Nil		Indian Wolf	0:1:0
8	Kota Zoo, Kota		Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur	
	Hybrid Lion	0:1:0	Nil	
9	Kota Zoo, Kota		Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur	
	Royal Bengal Tiger	0:1:0	Nil	
10	Kanan Pendari Zoological Garden, Bilaspur		Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur	
	Nil		Indian Wolf	1:2:0
11	Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur		Machia Biological Park, Jodhpur	
	Himalayan Black Bear	1:0:0	Asiatic Lion	1:1:0
12	Safari Park Haridas Ji ki Magri, Udaipur		Sajjangerh Biological Park, Udaipur	
	Nil		Spotted Deer	0:2:0
13	Pilikula Biological Park, Mangaluru		Sajjangerh Biological Park, Udaipur	
	Bengal Tiger	1:0:0	Alexandrine Parakeet	1:1:0

Sl.	Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)*		Name of the Zoo and animals given (M : F : U)	
			Blossom-headed Parakeet	1:1:0
			Rose-ringed Parakeet	1:3:0

Note: Total number of animals acquired by recognised zoos in the State of Rajasthan during last three years is **61**.