

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.77
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.06.2019

Modernisation of Zoos

77. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing assistance to the local bodies of the States for developing zoos in their States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for modernisation of zoos in Gujarat; and
- (d) if so the details of thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

- (a)&(b) As informed by the Central Zoo Authority, establishment and operation of zoos in the country including development of zoos being operated by local bodies of the States is responsibility of the respective Zoo Operator. However, subject to availability of Grants-in-aid from the Government, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) provides financial assistance in order to encourage zoos to operate on scientific lines. Financial assistance to zoos is governed by the 'Guidelines for prioritizing Grants of financial assistance to zoos'.
- (c)&(d) Yes Sir. The Central Zoo Authority, in fulfilment of functions assigned under Section 38-C of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, contributes towards modernisation of zoos. Subject to availability of Grants-in-aid from the Government, the CZA provided financial assistance to zoos located in the State of Gujarat. Further, drawings pertaining to animals of endangered species, Master (Layout) Plan and Animal Collection Plan of zoos located in Gujarat were approved by the CZA for their long-term development.

Details of financial assistance provided to zoos located in the State of Gujarat during 2018-19 is as follows:

Name of the zoos	Fund released (in Rs.)
Sundarban Nature Discovery Centre, Ahmedabad	3,97,500
Rajkot Zoological Park, Rajko	20,02,000
Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Zoological Garden, Surat	6,00,000
