

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOKSABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3115**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

**Monitoring of Animals for COVID-19 linked Infection**

3115. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted/appointed any panels or any Central/State-level task forces to provide support and guidance to field level officials to monitor animals for pre and post COVID-19 infections;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise as on date; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a), (b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued advisories to the States/UTs on managing National Parks and Sanctuaries while following due COVID protocols and containment and management of COVID-19 in exotic species of animals. Advisories have also been issued by the Central Zoo Authority on precautionary measures to be followed by the zoos. In addition, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has circulated advisory/guidelines to all State Animal Husbandry Department, Health and Wildlife authorities regarding SARS-COV-2 in animals which include monitoring and guidance including risk assessment in respect of various animal categories, general prevention control, risk pathway and risk reduction, disinfection, feed and feeding practice, waste management and key messages. However, no panels or task forces to provide support to field level officials to monitor animals for COVID-19 infections have been constituted/appointed by the Ministry.

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