GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1342 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

Biological Parks/Zoos

1342. SHRI. BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) the number of biological parks and zoos operating in the country and the details of the criteria for setting up the said parks and zoos;
- (b) the details of the biological parks and zoos set up in the country during the last three years, cost, year and location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide approval in current financial year 2022-23 under departmental action plan to develop a new biological park and zoo in view of the availability of sufficient land and forest area in Ajaysar region for the conservation and preservation of Aravali mountain range and also for promoting tourism in centrally located city Ajmer which is also the educational hub of Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) The Central Zoo Authority grants prior approval for establishment of zoos under section 38-H(1-A) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. As on date, 148 zoos are operating in the country with recognition under sub-section (1), (3) and (4) of section 38-H of the Act. Number of zoos for which such approval was accorded during last three financial years, their location and estimated cost of establishment as reported by the applicant in the respective Detailed Project Report, is placed as **Annexure 1**. Information on actual cost of establishment is not collated by the Central Zoo Authority.
- (c) and (d) The Central Zoo Authority has not received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan, for establishment of zoo in Ajaysar region of Rajasthan.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1342 REGARDING 'BIOLOGICAL PARKS/ZOOS' RAISED BY SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY, DUE FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2022

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Sl.	Financial Year	Zoo approved for establishment	Location	Estimated cost of establishment in the DPR			
				(Rupees in crore)			
1	2021-22	Barak Valley Wildlife Safari cum Rescue Centre	Dholai, Cachar, Assam	214.85			
2		Biological Park	Jamalpada, Dadra andNagar Haveli & Diu and Daman	175.00			
3		New zoological Park	Madboolu village, Chittapur, Kalaburgi District, Karnataka	25.05			
4		Tiger Safari (Panpatha Buffer Range)	Bandhavgarh, Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh	16.95			
5		Chandrapur Tiger Safari and Rescue Centre	Chandrapur (buffer area of TodabaAndhari Tiger Reserve), Maharashtra	123.16			
6		Bird Park	Gulab Bagh, Udaipur, Rajasthan	14.90			
7		Abheda Biological Park	Kota, Rajasthan	40.00			
8		Rescue Centre	Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh	4.90			
9		Rescue Centre	Hastinapur, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh	4.95			
10		Rescue Centre	Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh	4.94			
11		Monkey Rescue Centre	Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	103.02			
12		Elephant Conservation and Care Centre	Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	5.95			
13		Rescue Centre	Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh	4.93			
14		Tiger Safari	Dhela, Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand	37.82			
15	2020-21	Jambu Zoo	Jammu, U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir	121.00			
16		Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Centre	Bengaluru, Karnataka	2.74			
17		Trichy Zoo	Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu	60.60			

Sl.	Financial Year	Zoo approved for establishment	Location	Estimated cost of establishment in the DPR (Rupees in crore)
18		Monkey Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre	Danibangar, Haldwani, Uttarakhand	Not reported
19		Chidiyapur Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre	Haridwar, Uttarakhand	27.00
20	2019-20	Nil	Nil	Nil