

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2786
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2016

PERFORMANCE OF ZOOS

2786.DR. K. KAMARAJ:

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

- (a) the total number of zoos in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for formulation of a grading system to evaluate the performance of the zoos in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) Sir, total number of Zoos in the country, state-wise are annexed at **Annexure – I**.
- (b) Central Zoo Authority has formulated grading system to evaluate the performance of zoos based on ten parameters namely (i) Development & Planning; (ii) Maintaining naturalistic environment; (iii) State of animal housing & animal exhibits; (iv) Performance of zoos with regards to establishment of sustainable population; (v) Status of human resources; (vi) Animal health care; (vii) Sanitation & hygiene; (viii) Conservation breeding programme and the progress made in this regard, research; (ix) Education & interpretation and (x) Visitors' facility respectively with an allotment of 10 marks for each of them. The following measurable indices were used to grade the performance of Zoos:

S.No.	Category	Score
1	Excellent	75 and above
2	Very good	60-74
3	Good	45-59
4	Fair	25-44

- (c) The evaluation of eleven large category zoos was conducted during 2013-14 by a 5 members team of experts from various aspects of Zoo management out of which four zoos were found very good, three were good and rest four fair. Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru scored maximum 69.5 points followed by Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneswar with 68.5 points and Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai with 66 points.

Annexure – I

List of Recognized Zoos in States and Union Territories of India

(As on 10.03.2016)

S.No.	State	No. of Recognized Zoos
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	1
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	7
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4
4.	ASSAM	4
5.	BIHAR	1
6.	CHATTISGARH	3
7.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	1
8.	DELHI	2
9.	GOA	1
10.	GUJARAT	9
11.	HARYANA	7
12.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	7
13.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2
14.	JHARKHAND	5
15.	KARNATAKA	16
16.	KERALA	9
17.	MADHYA PRADESH	4
18.	MAHARASHTRA	14
19.	MANIPUR	1
20.	MEGHALAYA	2
21.	MIZORAM	2
22.	NAGALAND	1
23.	ODISHA	11
24.	PUNJAB	5
25.	RAJASTHAN	8
26.	SIKKIM	1
27.	TAMIL NADU	9
28.	TRIPURA	1
29.	TELANGANA	10
30.	UTTARAKHAND	3
31.	UTTAR PRADESH	12
32.	WEST BENGAL	19
	Total=	181