

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2537
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2016

Food and Healthcare for Animals in Zoos

2537. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) the criteria regarding food and healthcare for animals in major zoos;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to conduct any specific study regarding food and healthcare of animals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to improve/review the said criteria in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) The Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, outlines under para 5 of Schedule under Rule 10, the measures to be taken by the zoos regarding upkeep and healthcare of animals. The Central Zoo Authority (CZA), in association with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar has developed manual on 'Standardization of Animal Diets In Indian Zoos' and a manual on 'Standards, Guidelines and Protocol on Disease Diagnosis and Cure of Wild Animals in Indian Zoos', which prescribes protocol/criteria to be followed by zoos regarding food and healthcare of animals.
- (b) and (c) The Central Zoo Authority has launched three studies regarding food and healthcare of animals. The details are annexed at **Annexure**.
- (d) The Central Zoo Authority has signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, a National Referral Centre for Indian zoos and Smithsonian National Zoological Park, Washington D.C., USA to provide technical advice on Wildlife veterinary medicine on animal healthcare, disease management and animal housing for Indian zoos.

ANNEXURE

REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2537
REGARDING 'FOOD AND HEALTHCARE FOR ANIMALS IN ZOOS'
DUE FOR REPLY ON 02.08.2016

Research projects funded by the Central Zoo Authority regarding food and healthcare of animals in zoos	
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1.	Standard protocol for maintaining live food for captive animals
2.	Red Panda Nutrition: Towards an integrated approach
3.	Creation of National Referral Centre for diagnosis of diseases affecting captive wild animals – To provide service and advice to Indian zoos related to healthcare issues. (extended further for five years)