

(c) the reaction of the people living in forests towards this problem; and

(d) whether a demand for small and village industries based on forest produces has arisen from those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### **Autonomous status to Zoos**

†3089. MISSANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of zoos in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to make the zoos an autonomous body; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) There are 206 zoos in the country, recognised by the Central Zoo Authority. The State-wise break up of the number of zoos is provided in the enclosed Statement (See below)

(b) and (c) The Government of India, which operators the National Zoological Park, Delhi is considering making it autonomous. However, a final decision regarding autonomy to National Zoological Park, Delhi is yet to be taken.

### **Statement**

#### *Number of recognised Zoos in Various States*

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of Zoos
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	18
2.	Assam	5
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
4.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
5.	Bihar	1

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
6.	Chhatisgarh	2
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
8.	Delhi	1
9.	Goa	1
10.	Gujarat	12
11.	Haryana	6
12.	Himachal Pradesh	5
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	3
14.	Jharkhand	7
15.	Karnataka	18
16.	Kerala	9
17.	Madhya Pradesh	4
18.	Maharashtra	23
19.	Manipur	1
20.	Meghalaya	1
21.	Mizoram	2
22.	Nagaland	1
23.	Orissa	7
24.	Punjab	4
25.	Rajasthan	6
26.	Sikkim	1
27.	Tamil Nadu	14
28.	Tripura	1
29.	Uttar Pradesh	18
30.	Uttaranchal	4
31.	West Bengal	26
TOTAL:		206