- (c) As per terms of reference of the Committee, the Committee will submit the draft policy within three months.
 - (d) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.
- (e) The broad terms of reference of the Committee are to examine all related issues in accordance with the guidelines for consumer protection adopted by the United Nations in 1985.

Posts of Veterinary Officers and Surgeons in Zoos

- 502. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that posts of veterinary officers and surgeons in the zoos across the country have been lying vacant for several years;
- (b) if so, the number of such posts to be filled up zoo-wise and the reasons for not filling these posts so far;
- (c) whether Government consider the availability of veterinary doctors as an important requirement for maintaining the health and hygiene of zoo animals, especially the endangered ones; and
 - (d) if so, the action taken or being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The annexed statement indicates zoo-wise number of veterinary officers in position as well as number of posts which are to be filled up as per norms laid down under Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 (as amended) (See below). The matter pertaining to filling up of posts falls under the domain of the concerned State Governments/Municipal Corporations/ controlling authorities of the Zoos.
- (c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Zoo Authority has been emphasizing the State Forest Departments/Municipal Corporations, the controlling authorities of most of the Zoos, to deploy veterinary officers as per requirement of the Recognition of Zoo Rules in the Zoos under their administrative control. The Central Zoo Authority has also suggested to the State Governments to deploy the requisite technical manpower and

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retain them in their respective posts by providing them *in-situ* promotions for fuller utilization of their experience and skills for better zoo management.

Statement

Zoo-wise number of Veterinary Officers in position

SI	. Name of the	Location	State	Category Veterinary		No. of	
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1	Indira Gandhi Zoological Park	Visakha- patnam	Andhra Pradesh	Large	1	2	
2	Nehru Zoological Park	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh	Large	2	2	
3	Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden	Guwahati	Assam	Large	2	2	
4	Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park	Patna	Bihar	Large	1	2	
5	National Zoological Park, Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	Large	2	2	
6	Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	Large	3	2	
7	Sakkarbagh Zoo	Junagadh	Gujarat	Large	1	2	
8	National Park Bannerghatta Zoological Garden	Bannerghatta	Karnataka	Large	1	2	
9	Sri chamarajendra Zoological Gardens	Mysore	Karnataka	Large	2	2	
10	Thiruvanantha puram Zoo	Thiruvanan- thapuram	Kerala	Large	1	2	
11	Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park	Pune	Maha- rashtra	Large	Nil	2	
12	Nandankanan Biological Park	Bhubane- shwar	Orissa	Large	1	2	
13	Mahendra Chaudhu Zoological Park	ry	Chattbir	Punjab	Large	1 2	
14	Ariganar anna Zoological Park	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	Large	2	2	

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43	Nisargakaavi Bahinbai Chaudhary	Pune	Maharashtra	a Small	1	1
44	Indira Gandhi Park and Zoo	Rourkela	Orissa	Small	1	1
45	Jodhpur Zoo, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	Small	Nil	1
46	Udaipur Zoo	Udaipur	Rajasthan	Small	Nil	1
47	VOC Park Mini	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	ı Small	Nil	1
48	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant High Altitude Zoo	Nainital	Uttarancha	l Small	1	1
49	Marble Palace Zoo	Calcutta	West Benga	l Small	Nil	1
50	Padmaja Himalayan Zoological Park	Darjeeling	West	Bengal	1	1
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As per the Norms laid down in Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 (As Amended) their should be two veterinary officers in large and one veterinary officer in medium and small zoos.

Future plan for protection from Tsunami

503. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the plans to protect the country's shorelines from future Tsunami threats using Environment as a weapon, such as mangroves, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): A rapid assessment of the environmental damages caused by recent Tsunami has been commissioned by the Ministry of Environment and Forests by engaging nine specialized agencies in the country. This is to be followed by the detailed field studies for the preparation of eco restoration and environmental management plans for the protection of the coastal areas.

Damage to forests and property by fire

- † 504. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that devastating fire is causing heavy damage to forests and property;

[†] Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.