

(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

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***

Sl. No.	Name of the Zoo	Location	State	Category	Veterinary Officer in position	No. of Posts of Veterinary Officer to be posted as per Norms
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Indira Gandhi Zoological Park	Visakhapatnam	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	Thiruvananthapuram Zoo	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala	Large	1	2
11	Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park	Pune	Maharashtra	Large	Nil	2
12	Nandankanan Biological Park	Bhubaneswar	Orissa	Large	1	2
13	Mahendra Chaudhury Zoological Park		Chattbir	Punjab	Large	1 2
14	Arignar Anna Zoological Park	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	Large	2	2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15	Madras Crocodile Bank Trust	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	Large	1	2
16	Sepahijala Zoological Park	Agartala	Tripura	Large	1	2
17	Lucknow Zoo	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	Large	2	2
18	Alipore Zoological Garden	Kolkata	West Bengal	Large	2	2
19	Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh	Medium	1	1
20	Sayaji Baug Zoo	Vadodara	Gujarat	Medium	1	1
21	State Museum Zoo	Thrissur	Kerala	Medium	1	1
22	Gandhi Zoological Park	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	Medium	1	1
23	Veermata Jijabai Bhosaie Udyan & Zoo	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Medium	2	1
24	Manipur Zoological Garden	Imphal	Manipur	Medium	1	1
25	Jaipur Zoo, Jaipur	Jaipur	Rajasthan	Medium	1	1
26	Chennai Snake Park Trust	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	Medium	1	1
27	Kanpur Zoological Park	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Medium	1	1
28	Calcutta Snake Park,	Badu	West Bengal	Medium	1	1
29	Mini Zoo, Haddo	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Small	1	1
30	Itanagar Zoological Park	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	Small	1	1
31	Maitri Baagh Zoo	Bhilai	Chhattisgarh	Small	2	1
32	Bondla Zoo	Usgao	Goa	Small	1	1
33	Indroda Nature Park	Gandhi Nagar	Gujarat	Small	1	1
34	Rohtak Zoo	Rohtak	Haryana	Small	Nil	1
35	Himalayan Nature Park Kufri	Kufri	Himachal Pradesh	Small	1	1
36	Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park	Ranchi	Jharkhand	Small	1	1
37	Jawaharlal Nehru Biological Park	Bokaro	Jharkhand	Small	1	1
38	Tata Steel Zoological Park	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand	Small	1	1
39	Pilikula Wildlife Safari	Mangalore	Karnataka	Small	1	1
40	Tiger & Lion Safari	Shimoga	Karnataka	Small	1	1
41	Kamla Nehru Prani Sanghralaya Zoo	Indore	Madhya Pradesh	Small	Nil	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
42	Aurangabad Municipal Zoo	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Small	1	1
43	Nisargakaavi Bahinbai Chaudhary Pranisangralay	Pune	Maharashtra	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 Zoo	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	Small	Nil	1
48	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant High Altitude Zoo	Nainital	Uttaranchal	Small	1	1
49	Marble Palace Zoo	Calcutta	West Bengal	Small	Nil	1
50	Padmaja Himalayan Zoological Park	Darjeeling	West Bengal	Small	1	1
TOTAL					54	68

As per the Norms laid down in Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 (As Amended) there 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.