

श्री जयराम रमेश: सर, माननीय सदस्य ने जो बात उठाई है कि सिर्फ मिट्टी के कामों पर पैसा खर्च हो रहा है, यह गलत है। मैं यह कबूल करता हूँ कि करीब 20 या 25 प्रतिशत खर्चा सड़कों पर हो रहा है। "महात्मा गांधी नरेगा" के तहत एक महत्वपूर्ण काम **road connectivity** का लिया जा रहा है और हम इस पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं लगा सकते हैं, क्योंकि इसके अलावा और कोई कार्यक्रम नहीं है। प्रधान मंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना के जो नॉर्म्स हैं, उनका **relevance** छोटी-छोटी बसावटों के लिए नहीं होता है, इसीलिए "मनरेगा" के तहत कई राज्यों ने सड़कों का काम लिया है।

माननीय सदस्य जो बार-बार कह रहे हैं कि सारा खर्चा सिर्फ मिट्टी के काम पर हो रहा है, यह बात गलत है। पहली बार छोटे, आदिवासी, दलित किसान या कोई भी छोटा किसान, **small and marginal farmer** की खुद की जमीन पर पानी तथा जमीन से संबंधित काम लिए गए हैं और मैं ऐसी कई मिसाल दे सकता हूँ कि हर एक राज्य में बंजर भूमि उपजाऊ बनाई गई है। इसलिए यह कहना बिल्कुल गलत है कि इसमें सिर्फ मिट्टी का काम लिया जा रहा है।

जहां तक घोटाले का सवाल है, मैंने बार-बार कहा है कि **CAG** की ऑडिट होगी। हम स्वतंत्र संस्थाओं से भी ऐसे विश्लेषण करवा रहे हैं, परन्तु केन्द्र सरकार के हाथ बंधे हुए हैं, क्योंकि कार्रवाई करने की जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकारों की होती है। इसमें जो अफसर दोषी पाए जाते हैं, उनके खिलाफ कार्रवाई करना राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी है। हां, यह बात बिल्कुल सही है कि केन्द्र सरकार पैसा रोक सकती है। हम कह सकते हैं कि हम पैसा नहीं देंगे, पर मैं इसके बिल्कुल खिलाफ हूँ। मैं समझता हूँ कि संघीय ढांचे पर यह हमारा अतिक्रमण होगा।

Financial assistance to zoos in the country

***84. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is giving financial assistance to zoos in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (c) the amount spent so far, project-wise and State-wise, during the Plan period; and
- (d) the future action plan prepared to protect the zoos across the country in coordination with the local people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Zoo Authority, a statutory body of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, provides some financial assistance to zoos in the country.
- (b) The State-wise details of funds released in the Eleventh Five Year Plan are given at Statement-I (*See below*).
- (c) The details of amount spent so far project-wise and State-wise for the Eleventh Plan period are given at Statement-II (*See below*).

(d) For the protection and improvement of zoos across the country, the Central Zoo Authority has formulated detailed guidelines for scientific management of zoos for adoption and implementation by the zoo operators. To involve local people including interested persons and students, guidelines for utilization of services of volunteers for assisting in management of zoos have also been formulated by the Authority.

Statement-I

Details of state-wise grants provided by the Central Zoo Authority to the zoos during the 11th Five Year Plan period, i.e., 2007-08 to 2011-12

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012 (as on 10.02.2012)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17435000	11322000	20500000	14435000	13075200
2.	Arunachal Pradesh		15870400	5147000	8850000	7867000
3.	Assam	5219000	5198000	1780000	8070000	4324000
4.	Chhattisgarh		80000		80000	
5.	Delhi	18953000	7041500			
6.	Goa					675000
7.	Gujarat	9382761	240000	130000	7737000	
8.	Haryana		40000		1137000	2160000
9.	Himachal Pradesh		9571000		360000	40000
10.	Jharkhand	1064900	4210000	440000	60000	
11.	Karnataka	12255000	17985000	14810000	16695000	12729000
12.	Madhya Pradesh	16449000	3093000	8064000	2300000	2386000
13.	Maharashtra	7324000	480000	18244000	4380000	1251500
14.	Manipur	425000	3000000	2498000		
15.	Mizoram	11049000	1040000	15902000	2280000	3550000
16.	Nagaland	8906000				15733000
17.	Odisha	5600000	2610000	2000000	1302000	3700000
18.	Punjab	2586000	5930000	130000	2333000	
19.	Rajasthan	6876000	6600000	7840000	6400000	6860000
20.	Sikkim			353000		
21.	Tamil Nadu	16641000	22709000	27230000	21796250	9317647
22.	Tripura		7323000	4045000	12699650	1595900

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23.	Uttar Pradesh	394000	1444000	510000	5715500	1975000
24.	Uttarakhand			1062000	50000	
25.	West Bengal	6085500	13305000	13322000	16793600	17453800
TOTAL		146645161	139091900	144007000	133474000	104693047

Statement-II

Details of State-wise, project-wise grants provided by the central zoo authority to the zoos during the 11th Five Year Plan period, i.e., 2007-08 to 2011-12.

(Amount in Rupees)

Name of the State	Project title	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (as on 10.02.2012)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	Preparation of Master Plan					120000
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Animal Housing Facility	5485000				
	Veterinary and Health Care	100000			480000	
	Security			3750000		
	Cost of feed article for animals in Rescue Centre		5600000		13955000	9085000
	Rescue Centre Facility	7690000	2600000	11900000		2930200
	Research	60000	122000			
	Breeding of Endangered Species In Captivity	4100000	3000000	4800000		
	Training and Workshops					940000
	TOTAL	17435000	11322000	20500000	14435000	13075200
Arunachal Pradesh	Preparation of Master Plan		80000	80000		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Animal Housing Facility	14583000			8552000	6138000
	Veterinary and Health Care	542400			298000	328000
	Education and Awareness					250000
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity	665000				
	Breeding of Endangered Species In Captivity			5067000		1151000
	TOTAL	15870400	5147000	8850000	7867000	
Assam	Animal Transportation Cost			35000		
	Preparation of Master Plan			160000		
	Animal Housing Facility	5219000	2748000	1213000	6413000	
	Security	750000				
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity	1700000				
	Construction of Visitor's Path and Maintenance			372000	144500	
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity					4324000
	Training and Workshops				1240000	
	Others				272500	
	TOTAL	5219000	5198000	1780000	8070000	4324000
Chhattisgarh	Preparation of Master Plan		80000		80000	
	TOTAL		80000		80000	
Delhi	Preparation of Master Plan	480000				
	Animal Housing Facility	9113000	5704500			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Security	8066000				
	Construction of Visitor's Path and Maintenance		1337000			
	Storage, Supply and Distribution of Food	1200000				
	Others	94000				
	TOTAL	18953000	7041500			
Goa	Veterinary and Health Care					275000
	Education and Awareness					75000
	Hygiene and Environment Improvement					75000
	Storage, Supply and Distribution of Food					250000
	TOTAL					675000
Gujarat	Preparation of Master Plan		240000	80000	470000	
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Animal Housing Facility	4170000			6267000	
	Veterinary and Health Care	92761				
	Security				1000000	
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity	3020000				
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity	2100000				
	TOTAL	9382761	240000	130000	7737000	
Haryana	Preparation of Master Plan		40000		120000	
	Animal Housing Facility					960000

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.	Veterinary and Health Care					200000
	Security					1000000
	Training and Workshops				1017000	
	TOTAL		40000		1137000	2160000
Himachal Pradesh	Preparation of Master Plan				40000	40000
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity		9571000			
	Training and Workshops				320000	
	TOTAL		9571000		360000	40000
Jharkhand	Animal Transportation Cost	163000				
	Preparation of Master Plan		160000	340000	60000	
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			100000		
	Animal Housing Facility	300000	3500000			
	Veterinary and Health Care	501900				
	Education and Awareness	100000				
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity		250000			
	Construction of Visitor's Path and Maintenance		300000			
	TOTAL	1064900	4210000	440000	60000	
Karnataka	Preparation of Master Plan		160000	80000		
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Animal Housing Facility	1545000	5130000	2475000		255000
	Veterinary and Health Care	610000	1995000			1570000
	Security			1555000		
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity					749000
	Cost of feed article for animals in Rescue Centre	8486000			16375000	9650000
	Rescue Centre Facility	1614000	10700000	9550000		5000
	Research			100000		
	Storage, Supply and Distribution of Food					500000
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity			1000000		
	Training and Workshops				320000	
	TOTAL	12255000	17985000	14810000	16695000	12729000
Madhya Pradesh	Preparation of Master Plan		160000			
	Animal Housing Facility	9706000	833000			
	Security			3064000		
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity	586000		2500000		
	Cost of feed article for animals in Rescue Centre	900000	2100000		2300000	2386000
	Rescue Centre Facility	1157000		2500000		
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity	4100000				
	TOTAL	16449000	3093000	8064000	2300000	2386000

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Maharashtra	Preparation of Master Plan		480000	140000	40000	
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Animal Housing Facility	4877000		12809000	1440000	
	Veterinary and Health Care			5060000		
	Security				700000	
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity				2200000	
	Cost of feed article for animals in Rescue Centre	2262000				
	Research	185000		185000		
	Training and Workshops					1251500
	TOTAL	7324000	480000	18244000	4380000	1251500
Manipur	Veterinary and Health Care	425000				
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity		3000000	2498000		
	TOTAL	425000	3000000	2498000		
Mizoram	Preparation of Master Plan			240000		
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Animal Housing Facility	5000000	261000	12975000	300000	2050000
	Veterinary and Health Care			200000		
	Security	739000	739000	1237000	1600000	
	Education and Awareness			600000		

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	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity			250000		
	Construction of Visitor's Path and Maintenance				200000	
	Research	60000	40000			
	Hygiene and Environment Improvement				180000	
	Breeding of Endangered Species In Captivity	5250000				
	Others			350000		1500000
	TOTAL	11049000	1040000	15902000	2280000	3550000
Nagaland	Animal Housing Facility	3773000				7871000
	Veterinary and Health Care					200000
	Security	2282500				123000
	Education and Awareness					50000
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity	2850500				
	Hygiene and Environment Improvement					120000
	Storage, Supply and Distribution of Food					1520000
	Breeding of Endangered Species In Captivity					4710000
	Others					1139000
	TOTAL	8906000				15733000
Odisha	Animal Transportation Cost					700000
	Preparation of Master Plan		160000			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Animal Housing Facility	1500000	1380000	2000000		750000
	Security					500000
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity		290000			250000
	Research		680000			1050000
	Hygiene and Environment Improvement		100000			
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity	4100000				
	Training and Workshops				1180000	450000
	Others				122000	
	TOTAL	5600000	2610000	2000000	1302000	3700000
Punjab	Preparation of Master Plan		160000	80000	240000	
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Animal Housing Facility	1735000			1393000	
	Veterinary and Health Care				700000	
	Security	851000				
	Education and Awareness		150000			
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity		5620000			
	TOTAL	2586000	5930000	130000	2333000	
Rajasthan	Preparation of Master Plan	50000		40000		70000
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software					50000

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	Cost of feed article for animals in Rescue Centre				6400000	
	Rescue Centre Facility	6826000	6600000	7800000		6740000
	TOTAL	6876000	6600000	7840000	6400000	6860000
Sikkim	Preparation of Master Plan			40000		
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Xerox Machine Security			80000		
				183000		
	TOTAL			353000		
Tamil Nadu	Preparation of Master Plan		160000	80000	110000	260000
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Animal Housing Facility	718000	11770000	13710000	11798000	
	Veterinary and Health Care	1425000	199000			762000
	Security		5780000	3408000	1700000	212500
	Education and Awareness			1780000		
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity	1840000				
	Construction of Visitor's Path and Maintenance	2794000				
	Cost of feed article for animals in Rescue Centre		4800000		7122000	7483147
	Rescue Centre Facility	5801000		8202000		600000
	Research				142250	
	Hygiene and Environment Improvement	1313000				

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Training and Workshops				924000	
	Others	2750000				
	TOTAL	16641000	22709000	27230000	21796250	9317647
Tripura	Preparation of Master Plan					120000
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			50000		
	Animal Housing Facility	4284000			13650	
	Veterinary and Health Care					1154000
	Security			3884000		
	Research	193000				
	Hygiene And Environment Improvement			111000		
	Storage, Supply and Distribution of Food					271900
	Breeding of Endangered Species in Captivity	2846000			12686000	
	Others					50000
	TOTAL	7323000	4045000	12699650	1595900	
Uttar Pradesh	Preparation of Master Plan	40000	360000	240000		
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software		150000			
	Animal Housing Facility	404000			1704500	1675000
	Security	1000000			3286000	
	Construction of Visitor's Path and Maintenance				485000	
	Research					300000

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Breeding of Endangered Species In Captivity	394000				
	TOTAL	394000	1444000	510000	5715500	1975000
Uttarakhand	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software				50000	
	Animal Housing Facility			1062000		
	TOTAL			1062000	50000	
West Bengal	Animal Transportation Cost			142000		500000
	Preparation of Master Plan		120000	240000		
	Purchase of Computer for use in ARKS Software			100000		
	Animal Housing Facility		6709000	9381000	13805000	1982000
	Security					10164800
	Water Supply, Sewage and Electricity		3391000			1500000
	Cost of feed article for animals in Rescue Centre				2800000	
	Rescue Centre Facility	5943000	2600000	3100000		2835000
	Research	142500	485000	359000	188600	256000
	Others					216000
	TOTAL	6085500	13305000	13322000	16793600	17453800
TOTAL States 25	GRAND TOTAL	146645161	139091900	144007000	133474000	104693047

SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Sir, how many breeding programmes have been undertaken in authorised zoos for the rehabilitation of endangered species and those on the brink of extinction in the last five years? Does the Government have a provision for funding such ventures alongside general financial assistance in zoos?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Yes, Sir; there are many programmes.

All those details have already been given in the Statement in Annexure II. We have given a State-wise statement there. For example, in Annexure II, for Andhra Pradesh, you will see that preparation of the Master Plan, purchase of computers, animal housing facility, veterinary and health care, security, cost of feed, rescue centre facility, research and breeding of endangered species in captivity. So, for every State, we have set aside a certain amount of funds to be given for breeding of animals in captivity.

SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: How many exchange programmes have been embarked upon with foreign zoos in order to revitalise the stocks of the country's authorised zoos?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, exchange programmes are provided under the Zoo Exchange Programme with other Governments. I will just explain the details in a minute. Special exchange programmes depend upon what type of animals are available and where those animals are actually available, Sir. Zoos deal very well with the small population of wild animal species in their collections. Therefore, the regular exchange of animals is an essential activity for maintaining the genetic health for infusing new blood for breeding, for pairing and for performing of social groups of animals in captivity. Sir, the desired species of animals which are surplus, they are exchanged and regulated by the SIT authorities and the Director General of Foreign Trade.

SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I do not want to talk about the pitiable conditions of these zoos many of which are even 100 years old. That is not my intention. Most of these animals live in horrific conditions. My question here is that today the trend in the world is that we made educative zoos and all the countries outside are wanting to go into that direction so that students can learn, have interpretation centres, have these animals living in conditions which are akin to their habitat and the forest-like conditions. That needs a lot of money. It will not be done alone with the money that you have given to the States. Will you think of taking up even two zoos in that condition in a year? This is my question.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, certainly we will think about it. The Central Zoo Authority, as the Member knows very well, he is very well acquainted with the fact, is a regulatory body. There are 190, zoos in this country. These zoos are mainly under the State Governments. There is only one zoo which is under the Central Government, that is, the Delhi Zoo, Sir. So, the amount of money that is provided to the zoos is mainly for certain specific projects like what I have mentioned before and it is really for building enclosures, for trying to make habitats like the hon. Member mentioned, which is very important to make it as natural habitat as possible. Sir, 23 research projects have also been granted. So, our scope as a regulatory body is limited. We only grant recognition under certain norms and conditions and withdraw if those norms and conditions are not met from time to time. The vast majority of the zoos are under the jurisdiction of the State

Governments and it is really for the State Governments to deal with those issues. But we are always there to provide technical support and we also conduct inspection. If the facilities are really bad, as the Member has pointed out, there are also provisions under the Act for this regulatory body to withdraw even the permission.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Thank you, Sir. The grant provided by the Central Zoo Authority to Tamil Nadu has been considerably reduced over the years. The Night Safari project launched in 2007 at Arignar Anna Park at Vanadlur has been deferred because of this. Will the Ministry allot required funds to finish the projects?

SHRIMATI JAYANATHI NATARAJAN: Sir, this Arignar Anna Park at Vanadlur is a night safari project. The State Government has sent a master plan which is under scrutiny by the Department and depending upon what emerges from the master plan, Sir, we will certainly take all steps to provide necessary funds, as much as possible under the budget. Under the budget constraints we ensure that the night safari takes place.

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Sir, traditionally zoos of our country are situated in the middle areas of towns, which earlier used to be the outskirts of these towns. I am especially talking about Kolkata zoo. Is there any plan with the Government of shifting these zoos to convenient and spacious places for the scientific management of these zoos as mentioned in the answer, particularly Kolkata and other inconvenient places where these zoos are situated now? What is the plan of the Ministry?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, this is really a matter which the State Government will have to take a call on because, as I mentioned, the zoos are under the specific jurisdiction of the State Governments and there are also private zoos and circuses. Only one zoo is under the Central Government. So this is really a matter which has to be addressed by the Government of West Bengal.

Impact of huge gold import on Indian economy

*85. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge import of gold is creating a dangerous situation by aggravating country's balance of payments problem resulting in the depreciation of the rupee and eating into the not-so-bountiful foreign exchange reserves;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of appropriate action the Ministry is taking to address the concern?