

Death of blackbucks in Nandanvan Zoo, Raipur

350. DR. T. N. SEEMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the media reports regarding the death of many blackbucks due to unknown ailments over the past two months in Nandanvan Zoo near Raipur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the authorities have been able to trace the reasons behind deaths and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any water and air polluting industrial unit(s) is existing near the zoo which may have caused these deaths and if so, the details thereof and the corrective action being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Death of 22 blackbucks occurred during the period May to July, 2015 in Nandanvan Zoo, Raipur. Details of blackbucks died during said period is given in the Statement (See below). Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly has conducted investigation on dead animals and in their interim report, the deaths are presumably due to Pyrethroid group of insecticides.

(c) The State Government of Chhattisgarh has not indicated any polluting industry in the immediate vicinity of the zoo.

Statement

Details of blackbucks died during May to July, 2015 in Nandanvan Zoo, Raipur

Sl. No	Date of death	No. of blackbucks died	Sex
1.	17.05.15	One	Male
2.	20.05.15	One	Male
3.	22.05.15	One	Male
4.	01.06.15	One	Female
5.	05.06.15	One	Female
6.	08.06.15	One	Female
7.	15.06.15	One	Male

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8.	20.06.15	One	Female
9.	22.06.15	One	Female
10.	25.06.15	One	Male
11.	28.06.15	Three	2 Female, 1 Male
12.	29.06.15	Two	Male
13.	30.06.15	Two	Male
14.	01.07.15	Three	2 Female, 1 Male
15.	02.07.15	One	Male
16.	12.07.15	One	Female
Twenty two (22)			

Schemes to increase forest and plantation in Hyderabad and Karnataka

351. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the schemes of Government to increase the forest and plantation area in particularly Hyderabad-Karnataka 371(J) region;
- (b) the present status;
- (c) what is the need; and
- (d) the role of private participant to meet the need?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR) : (a) to (d) As per information received from State Forest Department of Karnataka, out of 30 districts of Karnataka, six districts namely Bidar, Kalburgi, Raichur, Yadgir, Bellary and Koppal comes under Hyderabad-Karnataka 371(J) region.

The National Forest Policy, 1988 envisages 33% of the Geographical area under forests and tree cover. In order to achieve this goal, the State Forest Department of Karnataka is implementing various Central, State and District sector schemes for afforestation/plantation including the centrally sponsored National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and National Bamboo Mission Schemes in both forest and non-forest