

Close Circuit cameras in Delhi Zoo

548. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Close Circuit cameras (CC cameras) were installed in the Delhi Zoo;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon;

(c) whether these CC cameras have stopped functioning and have become show pieces;

(d) if so, the reasons for which they became non-functional in such a short period;

(e) the purpose for which these CC cameras were installed in Delhi Zoo and the extent to which the said purpose has been achieved; and

(f) the action, if any, taken by Government against the officials responsible for their lapse?

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

(b) The system consists of the following apparatus/equipments:

(i) 10 Cameras (6 Zoom and 4 Non-Zoom type)

(ii) Monitor

(iii) Real time V.C.R.

(iv) Multiplexer and related accessories/cables

The total cost of the system is Rs. 7,47,457/-+tax

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Close Circuit Cameras have been installed in Delhi Zoo with the following objectives:

(i) To observe and record day to day movement of the zoo inmates in captivity.

(ii) To curb vandalism, theft, and prevent anti social activities.

(iii) To ensure Security/Safety measures for Visitors, Zoo inmates and Government Property.

The purpose for which the cameras were installed have been fully achieved.

(f) Does not arise.

Guidelines to check on pollution from vehicles

†549. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued guidelines to the States to keep a check on the vehicles, emitting pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh have implemented these guidelines and the names of cities found under effect of pollution and the details of action taken so far/ proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) : (a) and (b) The Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 prescribe the emission limits for motor vehicles. As per rule 115, after the expiry of one year from the date of registration, every vehicle has to carry a valid Pollution Under Control Certificate (PUC), issued by an agency authorized by the State Government. The emission norms have been tightened *vide* Gazette Notification Number GSR 111(E), dated 10.02.2004.

(c) Implementation of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules is mandatory for all State Governments, however information regarding State-wise status of implementation of these rules is not maintained at the Central level.

Export of illicitly felled sandalwood

550. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are allowing the export of illicitly felled sandalwood from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and other States;

(b) if not, whether Government will assess the impact of this policy of allowing sandalwood to be exported;

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