

16. Extension of Mini Zoos and Deer Parks.

- a. It is an on-going state plan scheme.
- b. **Financing pattern;** The proposed outlay of the scheme during 2016-17 has been kept at Rs. 385.00 lacs to be funded by the State Govt.
- c. **Aims and objectives;** Improvement of Zoos and Deer parks existing in the state for providing better habitat to wildlife living therein.
- d. **Financial targets for the year 2016-17;** An outlay of Rs. 385.00 lacs has been proposed in the scheme for the year 2016-17.
- e. **Quantum of funds likely to be borne by Government of India or by any other external agency;** The scheme is wholly funded by the State Govt.

Benefits of the scheme; The zoos in the country have to follow the guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) of MoEF (GOI) and have to be approved by it. In the absence of adequate resources for the management of zoos, three zoos were closed in the State and only three zoos at Pipli , Rohtak and Bhiwani were given provisional approval by CZA. In the light of the various directions issued by Govt. of India for proper enclosures for the zoo animals, lot of improvement needs to be done at these zoos. CZA has given specific requirement of space and facilities for each species of wild animal kept in the zoo. The layout plan for Pipli and Rohtak zoos has been prepared and submitted for approval to CZA. Although some cages at Pipli and Rohtak zoos fit into these specifications, there are other enclosures that need to be renovated and enlarged. CZA provides adequate funds for such works, although the basic responsibility of maintaining the zoos lies with the State Govt. Therefore, the funds asked for under this scheme are for normal upkeep and maintenance of the animal in the zoo. More cages required to be constructed in the Zoo as per CZA guidelines.

Mini Zoo at Pipli, Rohtak and Bhiwani, Deer Park at Hisar and Rescue Centre at Meham, Peacock & Chinkara Breeding Centre at Jhabua will be maintained.