

SOME EXPERIENCES ON EXTRACTION OF MUSK FROM LIVE MUSK DEER

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The musk deers are killed in large numbers to meet the demand of musk in indigenous system of medicine and perfume industry. So their population in their natural habitat has gone down to a great extent. Therefore, attempts were in progress in India and elsewhere for breeding of animals in captivity and to develop methods to extract the musk from adult male musk deer without sacrificing the animal. The paper describes briefly about some of the experiences in extraction of musk without killing the animal at Mehroori Musk Deer farm as recorded in November 1987 and March 1992. Quantitative data of musk extracted is also incorporated.

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