

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 690**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

**Death of lions in Gir forest, Gujarat**

690. SHRI JOGINIPALLY SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of the recent deaths of Asiatic Lions in Gir forest of Gujarat, the Central and the State Governments have stepped up their efforts for conservation of the rare wild cat;
- (b) whether Government has begun work on a proposal for conservation of the rare species including translocation of the lions to a new home within Gujarat and monitoring of the ecology; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) The Central and the State Government have stepped up their efforts for conservation of the Asiatic Lion. Considering the need to have better protection to Asiatic Lion, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has approved the Asiatic Lion conservation project with a total budget of Rs. 9784.50 lakh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme- Development of Wildlife Habitat (with a ratio 60:40 of Central and State share respectively). The project includes the following major components:
  - 1. Habitat improvement
  - 2. Habitat & wildlife protection
  - 3. Veterinary care, rescue and conflict management
  - 4. Eco-development & relocation.
- (b) and (c) As per the information received from State Government of Gujarat, there is no proposal for translocation of the Lions to a new home within Gujarat.

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