

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1798
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

Blue print/road map for Project Lion

1798. Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether any blue print is prepared for the Project Lion and/or road map drawn, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) in what manner the Project Lion resembles or differs from the Project Tiger;
- (c) whether any international consultancy agency is engaged in implementation of the Project Lion, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of funds provided by the Central Government for the Project Lion during the last three years; and
- (e) whether the State Government of Gujarat submitted the utilization of the Project Lion fund received from the Centre, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) The Project Lion document titled “Lion @ 47: Vision for Amrutkal” has been prepared with the following objectives:
 - 1. To secure & restore lions’ habitats for managing its growing population
 - 2. Scale up livelihood generation and participation of local communities
 - 3. Become a global hub of knowledge on big cat disease diagnostics and treatment
 - 4. Inclusive biodiversity conservation through project lion initiative
- (b) Project Lion envisages landscape ecology based conservation of the Asiatic Lion in Gujarat by integrating conservation and eco-development. The Project is being implemented in the Gir landscape in Gujarat which is the last home of the Asiatic lion.

Project Tiger is being implemented in tiger landscapes spread across the country in 53 tiger reserves.

Both projects envisage activities which ensure overall conservation of the entire ecosystem inhabited by these flagship species.

- (c) Project Lion is being implemented by the State Government of Gujarat and other stakeholders like Central Zoo Authority.
- (d) Financial assistance of Rs. 124.58 lakhs have been provided to State of Gujarat for conservation of wildlife including Asiatic Lions under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)- 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' during last three years. Further, revalidation of Rs 1641.42 lakhs of grants released during 2018-19 under the Asiatic Lion Conservation project has also been done during the period.
- (e) The State Government of Gujarat has submitted the Utilization Certificate for the funds released as Central share under Asiatic Lion Conservation project.
