

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *171
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

Translocation of Asiatic Lions from Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh

*171. SHRIMATI SUMITRA BALMIK:

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

- (a) the total number of Cheetahs brought from other countries under Project Cheetah till date;
- (b) whether there is any plan to bring more Cheetahs in the future also; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has received any proposal or is considering any plan to bring Asiatic Lions from Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *171 ON TRANSLOCATION OF ASIATIC LIONS FROM GUJARAT TO MADHYA PRADESH DUE FOR REPLY ON 16.03.2023

- (a) A total of 20 cheetahs (8 from Namibia and 12 from South Africa) have been brought from Africa under Project cheetah so far.
- (b) As per the Action Plan for Introduction of cheetah in India, about 12-14 wild cheetahs (8-10 males and 4-6 females) from various parks/reserves/areas, for establishing a new cheetah population, would be imported from South Africa/Namibia/Other African Countries, as a founder stock for five years initially and then as may be required by the program.
- (c) The matter of translocation of lions from Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh is sub judice [Contempt Petition (Civil) No. 568 of 2022 in the Supreme Court].
