

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1800
TO BE ANSWERED ON. 16.03.2023

Translocation of Cheetahs from South Africa

1800. SHRI BRIJLAL:

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

- (a) whether Government has signed an agreement with South Africa to bring 12 more Cheetahs in the country as a part of its Cheetah Translocation Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these 12 Cheetahs are likely to be brought into the country along with the likely ecological impact of such translocation; and
- (c) the total expenditure incurred/likely to be incurred by Government on procurement, transportation and complete translocation of these Cheetahs from South Africa?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir. The Government of India has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Republic of South Africa on cooperation in bringing cheetah in India.
- (b) Under the said MoU, already 12 cheetahs have been brought from South Africa on 18th February 2023 and released in the quarantine enclosures of Kuno National Park. Cheetah as flagship species would facilitate restoring open forest and grassland eco- system that will benefit biodiversity conservation.
- (c) As per the Action Plan for Introduction of cheetah in India, for the first phase (5 years) approximately Rs 91.65 crore is likely to be incurred by the Government.
