

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1644
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

Task force to investigate deaths of Cheetahs

1644 SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the relocation of Cheetahs at Kuno National Park proved to be a over ambitious project of Government and was unsuccessful;
- (b) whether it has been proved that the Kuno National Park was an unusual habitat for them and has proved to be inadequate to accommodate over 20 Cheetahs from Africa, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is contemplating to form a task force to investigate the deaths of Cheetahs located in the Kuno Park, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) No Sir. The Government of India has prepared a detailed scientific action plan as per IUCN Guidelines for introduction of Cheetah in India. To ensure conservation and protection of Cheetahs in India, actions are taken as per scientific action plan which has been prepared following the expertise of leading Cheetah experts including biologists, ecologists, conservationists and managers.
- (c) A Cheetah Project Steering Committee has been constituted and the Steering Committee reviews progress, monitor and advice on the Cheetah introduction in consultation with international cheetah experts as and when required.
