

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1653
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

Proper care of Cheetahs in Kuno National Park

1653 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:
SHRI VAIKO:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that translocated African Cheetahs are dying one by one at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, how many of them died and the detailed reasons thereof;
- (c) whether they are dying due to not taking proper care and lack of attention by team of veterinarians;
- (d) whether post-mortem has been done on the bodies of Cheetahs and if so, whether they died due to poaching or other injuries; and
- (e) measures taken to save the remaining Cheetahs and other wild animals in the Park, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As reported by the State, the details of Cheetah deaths are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Cheetah	Date of death	Reason for death
1.	Sasha	27.03.2023	Chronic renal failure
2.	Uday	23.04.2023	Cardiopulmonary failure
3.	Daksha	09.05.2023	Traumatic Shock
4.	Tejas	11.07.2023	As per the Preliminary Necropsy Report, the reasons of death is Traumatic Shock
5.	Suraj	14.07.2023	As per the Preliminary Necropsy Report, the reasons of death is Traumatic Shock

3 Indian born cubs of nearly 2 months of age died on 23.05.2023 due to heat stroke.

- (c) No Sir. A dedicated team of forest officials, cheetah experts and veterinarians has been undertaking protection as well as monitoring and well-being of cheetahs on 24x7 basis.
- (d) Same as (a) & (b) above.
- (e) 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.
