

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2446**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

**Special campaign for conservation of The Great India Bustard**

2446. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) the total number of The Great Indian Bustard at present in the country;
- (b) whether launching of any special campaign has been mulled over for the conservation of The Great Indian Bustard in the country;
- (c) whether the State of Gujarat has been included in the campaign being launched for the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard;
- (d) whether co-operation from other countries of the world is also being sought for the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) As per information available with the Ministry, there are about 150 Great Indian Bustard in the country.
- (b) and (c) The Ministry provides financial assistance to the States, including Gujarat, under the Recovery Programme for saving critically endangered species and its habitats and conservation and management of protected areas components of Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Development of Wildlife Habitats for conservation and protection of Great Indian Bustard. Further, the Ministry sanctioned an outlay of Rs. 33.85 crores for the duration of seven years for the programme titled ‘Habitat Improvement and Conservation Breeding of Great Indian Bustard-an integrated approach’ under the CAMPA in the year 2016.
- (d) and (e) An MoU has been signed between Wildlife Institute of India and the International Fund for Houbara Conservation (IFHC), UAE to undertake collaborative work aimed at the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard.

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