

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2461
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

Reintroduction of Cheetahs

2461. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

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

- (a) the total expenditure incurred till date to reintroduce Cheetahs;
- (b) whether there was any study/report commissioned before reintroducing them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has appointed any expert to overlook their successful reintroduction, 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 the Action Plan for Introduction of cheetah in India, for the first phase (5 years), the estimated cost of the Project Cheetah is Rs. 91.65 crore.
- (b), (c) & (d) The Wildlife Institute of India in consultation with Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and National Tiger Conservation Authority 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. A Cheetah Project Steering Committee has been constituted to review progress, monitor and advice on the Cheetah introduction in consultation with international cheetah experts as and when required.
