

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2462**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

**Revisit strategy to implement Project Cheetah**

2462. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to revisit/change the strategy to implement the Project Cheetah in the wake of 05 deaths of Namibian Cheetahs from 20;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is considering setting up of separate and exclusive Authorities and Institutes especially for Cheetah, Elephant and Lion on the lines of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) 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.
- (c) & (d) No Sir. To ensure protection and conservation of elephants, lions and cheetah, the Government has launched Project Elephant, Project Lion and Project Cheetah.

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