

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 52
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

Impact of cyclone on Great Indian Bustard (Ghorad) bird in Kutch, Gujarat

52. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the Great Indian Bustard (Ghorad) birds were affected by the cyclone in Kutch, Gujarat in June 2023;
- (b) whether Government had taken any steps to keep these Ghorad birds safe during the cyclone; and
- (c) the condition of Ghorad birds in Kutch post cyclone?

ANSWER

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

- (a), (b) and (c) As per information received from the State of Gujarat, the Forest Department officials have been taking appropriate protection and conservation steps for the Great Indian Bustard. During the cyclone *Biparjoy*, the Forest Department staff was deployed for constant monitoring of movement of the Great Indian Bustard with preparedness for carrying out rescue and treatment. The local people in the region were sensitized to gather information on the Great Indian Bustard.
