

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 55
TO BE ANSWERED ON. 20.07.2023

Death of Cheetahs

55. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has investigated reasons for the death of 6 Cheetahs so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps that are being taken to mitigate deaths and sustain their population?

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) A detailed scientific action plan has been prepared as per IUCN Guidelines for introduction of Cheetah in India. As per the Action Plan, Kuno National Park, Nauradehi wildlife sanctuary and Gandhi Sagar wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh and Shahgarh Bulge, Bhainsrorgarh wildlife sanctuary and enclosure in Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan are the potential sites identified for cheetah introduction. Cheetah introduction in these sites depends upon the continued availability of cheetahs from African countries for sourcing as well as the status of habitat, prey base and protection mechanism on the ground.
