

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

Population of the Ghorad (Great Indian Bustard) in Kachchh

286*. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) the population of Ghorad (Great Indian Bustard) in Kachchh, Gujarat;
- (b) the number of male and female Great Indian Bustards respectively therein; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that steps are being taken there to deliberately destroy the population of the Great Indian Bustard so that the land of the Sanctuary can be given to industrialists?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *286 REGARDING 'POPULATION OF THE GHORAD (GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD) IN KACHCHH' BY SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL DUE FOR REPLY ON 27.03.2025

(a) to (c) As per information received from the Government of Gujarat, four female Great Indian Bustards have been seen during the latest field observations.

Several steps are being taken to conserve the Great Indian Bustards (GIB) in the Kachchh Bustard Sanctuary and adjoining areas in Gujarat such as restoration and scientific management of grasslands, removal of invasive alien species, fire prevention measures, installation and maintenance of predator proof fencing, community engagement activities for GIB conservation etc.
