

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1661
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

Translocation of African Cheetahs

1661. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether Government acknowledges that the Project Cheetah has resulted in an alarmingly low survival rate of 40 per cent-50 per cent, drastically below the expected survival rate, if so, the reasons for this failure; and
- (b) whether Government has assessed the ethical and ecological impact of continuously importing cheetahs from Southern Africa, given that African cheetah populations are already under pressure as only 6,500 mature individuals remain in the wild, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) & (b) As per the Action Plan for introduction of Cheetah, the criteria identified for determining the success of the Project has been achieved. The introduction of cheetahs in India is based on best available conservation science and a detailed scientific action plan incorporating the expertise of leading Cheetah experts including biologists, ecologists, conservationists and managers. The Action Plan takes into account the concerns raised in respect of sourcing Cheetah from Southern Africa.
