

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

Status of African cheetahs

2133. SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM:

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

- (a) the number of African cheetahs imported into India including the countries from which they were imported;
- (b) the protected areas where the cheetahs are currently housed along with the number of deaths and their survival rate, protected area-wise; and
- (c) the cost incurred in import, upkeep and maintenance of these cheetahs, including the average monthly expenditure per cheetah?

ANSWER

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

- (a) A total of 20 Cheetahs have been translocated to the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh from Namibia (08 numbers) and South Africa (12 numbers) in September 2022 and February 2023 respectively.
- (b) 27 cheetahs are currently at the Kuno National Park and 3 at the Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh. The survival rate of adult Cheetah in India is close to 55% while those of cubs is 61.3%.
- (c) An overall expenditure of Rs. 138.08 crores since 2020-21 has been incurred on Project Cheetah through various schemes such as Project Tiger, Grants-in-aid of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) besides corporate social responsibility endeavours.
