

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 856**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2018**

**Deaths of Lions**

856. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the large number of unnatural deaths of lions in Gir forest in Gujarat since September 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, month-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to seek help from national and international bodies to tackle this menace; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the other measures being taken by the Government to control or check these unnatural deaths of lions?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India is in receipt of information on deaths of Lions in Gir forest of Gujarat since September, 2018. However, no large number of unnatural deaths of Lions were reported since September, 2018. Month-wise details of Lion deaths along with reasons thereof is as follows:

Sr. No.	Month	Death of Lion		
		Unnatural (man-made causes such as deaths due to road accident, hunting, electrocution, falling in well, poisoning etc.)	Natural (Old age, infighting, disease, injuries etc.)	Total
1.	September, 2018	0	24	24
2.	October, 2018	0	07	07
3.	November, 2018	0	05	05
4.	December, 2018 (up to 10.12.2018)	0	01	01

- (c) and (d) Veterinary support from IVRI, Etawah Lion Safari, Uttar Pradesh and National Zoological Park, New Delhi was extended to the Government of Gujarat.

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