

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1364
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 25.07.2022

Import of Cheetah

1364. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY :

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

- (a) whether the Cheetah population has become extinct in the country and if so, the details thereof with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether efforts have been making for several years to transport Cheetahs from other countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a team has recently visited internationally to transport Cheetahs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has planned to rehabilitate and ensure sustainable growth of these newly introduced Cheetahs in Indian habitats and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Yes Sir. The Cheetah got extinct from India in the year 1952 primarily due to hunting and habitat loss.
- (b) Yes Sir. The Government of India has signed an MoU with Namibia and is in the advanced stage of consultation with South Africa for bringing Cheetah.
- (c) Yes Sir. Delegations from Government of India have visited South Africa and Namibia for consultative and technical meetings to bring Cheetah in India.
- (d) Based on scientific assessments carried out in Kuno National Park, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary and Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh and Bhainsorgarh Wildlife Complex and Shahgarh in Rajasthan, initially Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh has been considered for introduction of Cheetah.
