

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2190
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

Monitoring of Translocated Cheetahs in Kuno National Park

2190. SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL:

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

- (a) the number of cheetahs translocated to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh from South Africa and Namibia that have died;
- (b) the details of reasons for the deaths of these individual cheetahs; and
- (c) whether the Government has a plan for the health monitoring of the relocated cheetahs and for evaluating prey bases, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Eight cheetahs from Namibia and twelve cheetahs from South Africa have been translocated to Kuno. Out of these total twenty cheetah, four of Namibia and four of South Africa have died.
- (b) The cheetah died due to various natural causes such as septicaemia arising from exacerbated tick lesions, renal insufficiency, intra-specific aggression and drowning.
- (c) The Government of India through the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has issued an elaborate protocol on Disease Risk Analysis for implementing Project Cheetah which *inter-alia* covers hazard identification, risk assessment, risk management besides risk communication.

So far as evaluation of prey base is concerned, the NTCA has already issued detailed protocols since 2006 which are being adopted in Project Cheetah as well.
