

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*171**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023**

**Translocation of Asiatic Lions from Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh**

\*171. SHRIMATI SUMITRA BALMIK:

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

- (a) the total number of Cheetahs brought from other countries under Project Cheetah till date;
- (b) whether there is any plan to bring more Cheetahs in the future also; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has received any proposal or is considering any plan to bring Asiatic Lions from Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a), (b) & (c)            A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*171 ON TRANSLOCATION OF ASIATIC LIONS FROM GUJARAT TO MADHYA PRADESH DUE FOR REPLY ON 16.03.2023**

- (a) A total of 20 cheetahs (8 from Namibia and 12 from South Africa) have been brought from Africa under Project cheetah so far.
- (b) As per the Action Plan for Introduction of cheetah in India, about 12-14 wild cheetahs (8-10 males and 4-6 females) from various parks/reserves/areas, for establishing a new cheetah population, would be imported from South Africa/Namibia/Other African Countries, as a founder stock for five years initially and then as may be required by the program.
- (c) The matter of translocation of lions from Gujarat to Madhya Pradesh is sub judice [Contempt Petition (Civil) No. 568 of 2022 in the Supreme Court].

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