

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

Death of lions in Gujarat due to railway accidents

829. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) the number of lions (the Babbar Sher) that died during the last five years due to accidents on railway tracks in the Gir forest of the State of Gujarat; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to prevent such accidents?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) and (b) As per information received from the State Government of Gujarat, no Asiatic lion has died in the Gir Forests due to accidents on railway tracks during the last five years.

The important steps taken by the Government to prevent accidental death of Asiatic Lions on railway tracks are as follows:

- (i) Maximum speed limit of 20 km per hour is being maintained by train passing through Gir Forest. No night train is running through the Gir Forests.
- (ii) Movements of Asiatic Lions is monitored through radio collaring of some individuals. Trekkers and forest staffs carry out patrolling along railway tracks in lion movement area.
