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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2024

Population of Asiatic lions

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

- (a) the population of Asiatic lions in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) the number of Asiatic lions that died in the State of Gujarat during the last three year;
- (c) the number of lions that died in accidents on railway tracks out of the total lions died; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that Asiatic lions do not leave the Gir reserve forest and farmers do not face any problems?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The population of Asiatic Lions was estimated to be 674 as per the last assessment conducted in the year 2020.
- (b) and (c) As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, 362 lions died during last three years in Gujarat out of which 7 lions died due to train accidents.
- (d) As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, the important management initiatives taken up as part of Asiatic Lion conservation include:
 - i. Increase in prey base for lions in the forest area
 - ii. Habitat protection interventions
 - iii. Providing waterholes at appropriate locations within forest area
 - iv. Radio collaring of selected lions for assessing their movement and behavior patterns.
 - v. Monitoring of movements of lions with support of trackers
 - vi. Provision for making payment of compensation to local people for cattle kills
 - vii. Erection of Machans in farm lands for farmers
 - viii. Construction of parapet walls around open wells
 - ix. Creation of awareness and training programme for farmers.
