

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Reintroduction of Cheetah

671 Shri Rajeev Shukla:

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

- (a) the details of measures being undertaken to make reintroduction of Cheetah a success in India;
- (b) the effects of such measures;
- (c) whether Government realises that it overestimated the carrying capacity of the National Parks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the proposed measures to be taken herewith to ensure that reintroduction of Cheetah is a success?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The Wildlife Institute of India, in consultation with Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and National Tiger Conservation Authority, has prepared a detailed scientific action plan as per Guidelines of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for introduction of Cheetah in India, with inputs from leading Cheetah experts, biologists, ecologists, conservationists and managers. Cheetahs are adapting well in Indian conditions and birth of cubs is taking place.
- (c), (d) & (e) No, Sir. To ensure conservation and protection of Cheetahs in India, actions are taken as per scientific action plan and a Cheetah Project Steering Committee has been constituted to review progress, monitor and advise on Cheetah introduction in consultation with international cheetah experts, as and when required.
