

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2447
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

Deaths of Cheetahs at Kuno National Park

2447 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that eight Cheetahs have died in Kuno National Park since translocation;
- (b) the quantum of public funds that have been allocated and utilised for the translocation;
- (c) the preparations made and precautions taken to increase the survival rate of translocated Cheetahs in Kuno National Park; and
- (d) whether Government plans to bring more Cheetahs in upcoming years to compensate for these deaths, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Yes Sir. As reported by the State, the details of Cheetah deaths are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Cheetah	Date of death	Reason for death
1.	Sasha	27.03.2023	Chronic renal failure
2.	Uday	23.04.2023	Cardiopulmonary failure
3.	Daksha	09.05.2023	Traumatic Shock
4.	Tejas	11.07.2023	As per the Preliminary Necropsy Report, the reason of death is Traumatic Shock
5.	Suraj	14.07.2023	As per the Preliminary Necropsy Report, the reason of death is Traumatic Shock
6.	Dhatri	02.08.2023	As per the Preliminary Necropsy Report, the reason of death is Traumatic Shock

3 Indian born cubs of nearly 2 months of age died on 23.05.2023 due to heat stroke.

- (b) As per the Action Plan for Introduction of cheetah in India, for the first phase (5 years), the estimated cost of the project is Rs. 91.65 crore.
- (c) 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 IUCN Guidelines for introduction of Cheetah in India. To ensure conservation and protection of Cheetahs in India, actions are taken as per scientific action plan which has been prepared following the expertise of leading Cheetah experts including biologists, ecologists, conservationists and managers. A Cheetah Project Steering Committee has been constituted to review progress,

monitor and advice on the Cheetah introduction in consultation with international cheetah experts as and when required.

- (d) As a founder stock, for initial five years, about 12-14 wild cheetahs from various parks/reserves/areas of South Africa/Namibia/Other African Countries would be imported. Thereafter, depending upon the adaptation of the founder stock, cheetahs would be imported as and when required.
