

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Increasing Deaths of Lions

397. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) the total number of lions in the country State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there has been increasing deaths of lions in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of lion deaths recorded in the country during the last five years;
- (d) whether the Government has investigated the reasons for death of lions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) In the country, only the state of Gujarat has Lion population in the wild. As reported by the State, there are 674 Asiatic Lions in Gujarat State as per the last population estimation done in the month of June, 2020.
- (b) No Sir.
- (c) As reported by the State, the details of lion deaths recorded during last five years are as under: -

Year	Deaths of lions recorded during the year
2019	113
2020	124
2021	105
2022	110
2023	103

- (d) & (e) As reported by the State, each and every instance of death of lion is investigated by the forest officials and veterinarians. For reaching to a logical conclusion in each and every lion death case, following steps are taken:
 - (i) Detailed investigation report showing details of place and time of incident, primary cause of death is prepared,
 - (ii) Post-mortem report by the veterinary doctor is prepared,
 - (iii) If required viscera and sample is sent to Forensic Science Laboratory for detailed analysis.
