

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3254  
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ADDITIONAL HABITAT FOR GIR LIONS IN MADHYA PRADESH  
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have identified Palpur Kuno in Madhya Pradesh as an additional habitat for the Gir Lions;
- (b) if so, when the decision was taken; and
- (c) the steps taken to prepare a suited habitat for the lions in Palpur Kuno area, indicating the phases of implementation?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Madhya Pradesh Govt. has taken a decision on 28/2/1996 for reintroduction of Asiatic Lions at Kuno Palpur Sanctuary.
- (c) The reintroduction of Asiatic Lion in Kuno Palpur Sanctuary envisages the following 3 Phases over a period of 20 years;

Phase I - 1995-2000 - Pre translocation.  
Phase II - 2001-2005 - Translocation and Population buildup.  
Phase III - 2006-2015 - Followup and consolidation.

To make the area inviolate it was proposed to relocate 18 clusters of villages with the population of 1374 families out of the Sanctuary in two phases. In Phase I, 663 families from 7 villages have been relocated and rehabilitated outside the Sanctuary.