

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

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DEATH OF LIONS IN GIR FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that about 12 lions have been found dead in the Gir Forest of Saurashtra (Gujarat) during the last three months;
- (b) if so, whether any investigation has been made in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken against the accused; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. As informed by the state government 6 male lions, 4 female lions and 3 lion cubs have died in the Gir forest area during the last three months. Investigations have revealed that 11 animals have died of natural reasons and 2 due to accidental fall in wells.

(d) Does not arise.