

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3507

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RE-INTRODUCTION OF CHEETAH

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

- (a) the progress made in the project relating to re-introduction of Cheetah in the country;
- (b) the funds earmarked for the project;
- (c) whether the views of the State Governments in this regard have been sought/obtained; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) An assessment of the potential for reintroducing the Cheetah in India has been done through the Wildlife Institute of India, in collaboration with the Wildlife Trust of India. A Task Force for reintroduction of Cheetah in India has been constituted for developing a roadmap with detailed eco-restoration plans for potential sites, sourcing of the species and undertaking further scientific work relating to reintroduction. Action has been taken for providing funding support to the said initiative. The States having the potential sites (Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan) have been addressed, and 'in-principle' agreement has been received from Madhya Pradesh.