

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

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HOME FOR GIR LIONS

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

- (a) whether there has been a difference of opinion between Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh on the issue of a second home for Gir Lions;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to resolve the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) & (c) No difference of opinion has been conveyed by the States of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh to this Ministry. The State Government of Gujarat has been requested to provide a viable population of lions for reintroducing in the Kuno-Palpur Sanctuary of Madhya Pradesh, highlighting the imperative for an alternate home to ensure a safe future for endangered lions.