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A special Rs 40-crore scheme has been sanctioned by the state government for five years, for Gujarat State Lion Conservation Society to initiate measures to protect Gir lions. Of the total amount, the Govt. has allocated Rs 12 crore in budget 2008-09

Kishore Kotecha's Note:

On 22nd Feb 08, I requested to Finance Minister through Times of India *Budget Ho To Aisa* for sufficient fund allocation for Gir and Asiatic Lion protection. On 25th, budget was declared by FM in which 40 Crore rupees are allocated for the same. Three cheers!!!

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Lions want their share

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The issue of protection of wildlife does not normally get priority in Budgets. Considering that the Asiatic lion is an endangered species the FM should considering allocating funds. Here is so much to be done, especially when poaching is becoming a big concern. Lot of initiatives like rehabilitating indigenous people settled within the Gir sanctuary and creating alternative homes for the lion can be taken.

Budget Ho To Aisa: It is a good initiative. I hope the finance minister will take note.

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