#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 204 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021

#### **Rhinoceroses in Corbett Tiger Reserve**

# 204. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as reported the Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board has cleared a proposal by the Wildlife Institute of India to introduce rhinoceroses in the Corbett Tiger Reserve to boost tourism and revive the habits of species that survive on low-height grass;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government will take similar steps for providing rhinoceroses to Anamalai Tiger Reserve located in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### <u>ANSWER</u>

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) & (b) As reported by the State, the Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board has approved introduction of Rhinoceros in the Corbett Tiger Reserve which requires due statutory clearances.
- (c) & (d) No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu. Suitability of habitat is required for introduction of any species.

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