Bringing of Cheetahs from African Countries

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to bring Cheetahs from African countries and if so, the time by which Cheetahs are likely to be brought to India;
(b) the name of the States from which the Government has received proposals for handling Cheetahs; and
(c) the sanctuaries of which States have been selected by the Government for handling Cheetahs?

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

(a), (b) & (c) Yes Sir, Government of India is in the process of holding consultation meeting with African Countries. Based on scientific assessments carried out in Kuno National Park, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary and Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh and Bhainsorgarh Wildlife Complex and Shahgarh in Rajasthan, initially Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh has been considered for introduction of Cheetah.