

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 5262
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.04.2022

Introduction of Rhinoceroses in Corbett Tiger Reserves

5262. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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

- (a) whether the Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board has cleared a proposal by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) 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 along with the status of proposal;
- (c) whether the Government will take similar steps for providing wild life animals to Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) located in Tamil Nadu since poaching incidents are zero or nil; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

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 proposal in this regard has been received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu. For introduction of wild species in tiger reserves, a feasibility as well as habitat suitability studies will have to be undertaken. Based on the outcome of these studies, appropriate decision is taken for introducing a species.
