

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1484
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018

Absence of biodiversity value in the compensatory afforested areas.

1484. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI:

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

- (a) whether Government has received representations from civil societies or individuals about the absence of biodiversity value in the compensatory afforested areas in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the reaction of Government thereon and the steps being taken to ensure development of biodiversity in compensatory afforested regions and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)& (b) No, Sir. However, the compensatory afforestation programme has taken into account the biodiversity of trees because under compensatory afforestation local species are planted over non-forest land and degraded forest land.
