

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

Agreement with World Bank for protection of Western Ghats

2615. SHRI C. M. RAMESH:

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

- (a) whether Government has entered into any agreement with World Bank in its endeavour to protect Western Ghats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not entered into any agreement with the World Bank to protect the Western Ghats. However, under the World Bank funded Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement Project (BRLCIP) some of the project sites are located in the Western Ghats region covering Agasthyamalai landscape in Tamil Nadu-Kerala, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu and Periyar Tiger Reserve in Kerala. The aim of the project is to develop and promote new models of conservation at the landscape level through enhanced capacity and institution building for conserving globally significant biodiversity-rich landscapes.
