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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Forests as food and nutrition habitats

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

- (a) whether forests are recognised as bio-diverse food and nutrition producing habitats;
- (b) if so, details thereof and provisions for assessment of forests as food and nutrition sources, in view of the fact that they are diverted for non-forest purposes including mono-culture plantations; and
- (c) whether there is a data base on the food habits of forest communities and the nature and extent of their dependence on forests?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Forests are recognized as bio-diverse food and nutrition producing habitats.
- (b) While submitting proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the user agencies and forest departments submit detailed study on flora and fauna. Based on these studies, Biodiversity/Wildlife Management Plans are also prepared.
- (c) No such information is maintained in the Ministry.
