

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1811
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

Survey of invasive plants affecting environment

1811. SHRI VAIKO:

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

- (a) whether reports have come that invasive plant species adversely affect habitats and bio-regions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any survey to identify the concentration of such plants in various States;
- (d) if so, the details of the States which are most affected by invasive plant species; and
- (e) the efforts made by Government to remove such plants on warfooting and whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments for implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Sporadic research publications regarding adverse effects of invasive plant species on habitats are available.

(c) to (e) Botanical Survey of India (BSI) does not have data for all states, however, BSI has identified 74 (64 dicots and 10 monocots) and 78 (67 dicots and 11 monocots) invasive or potential invasive alien Species for Mizoram and Tripura respectively. From Himachal Pradesh, 66 (62 dicots and 4 monocots) invasive Alien Species have been documented.

Funding assistance is provided to the states for removal of invasive and alien species under Compensatory Afforestation and Management Authority (CAMPA) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat, based on their Annual Plan of Operations.
