

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1338
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

Plantation of Conocarpus trees in the civic/municipal areas

1338. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a widespread opposition for plantation of Conocarpus trees in the civic/municipal areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the tree is a health hazard and causes allergy, asthmas, etc., if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has plans to ban the plantation of this variety; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, the nodal agency for forestry research in the Country, has so far not reported any negative impacts caused by Conocarpus tree species. The selection of tree species identified for planting in urban areas are decided by the local bodies and municipalities as per Urban planning requirements and suitability.
- (c) & (d) Does not arise.
