

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 528**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025

**Expansion of protected areas and eco-sensitive zones in Odisha**

528. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Ministry is considering to expand protected areas and eco-sensitive zones in Odisha's KBK and Northern Ghat regions to safeguard endangered flora and fauna; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (b) As informed by the State Government of Odisha; there is presently no proposal under consideration for expansion of Protected Areas or notification of additional Eco-Sensitive Zones in the KBK (Kalahandi–Balangir–Koraput) region or the Northern Ghat areas of Odisha.

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