

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5628
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

Biodiversity of Naro Hills

5628. SHRI GANESH SINGH :

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

- (a) whether Naro Hills in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh is home to various small and big animals and plants species including deciduous evergreen forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Satna district has rare species of medicinal plants and several species are on the verge of extinction due to lack of proper care and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the forest department of Satna district has prepared a proposal to develop 500 acres of land dedicated to the nature; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) & (b) Naro Hills in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh is home to various floral and faunal species. These *inter alia* include animals such as tiger, leopard, wild cat, fox, bear, sambhar, neelgai, jackal, langur, monkey, rabbit, peacock, owl; and plants such as flame lily, parijat, kapuri, ratanjot, henna. Naro Hills is part of Vindhyan region and a dry deciduous forest.
- (c) & (d) Vindhyan region harbours several species of medicinal plants, some of which are threatened. These *inter alia* include: *Dillenia pentagyna*, *Plumbago capensis*, *Psilotum nudum*, *Drosera burmanii*, *Alectra chitrakutensis*, *Cordia macleodii*, *Costus speciosus*, *Strychnos nux-vomica*, *Plumbago zeylancia* etc.
- (e) & (f) As per the information provided by Madhya Pradesh Biodiversity Board, a proposal has been prepared by Satna District Forest Department to notify Naro Hills under Satna Forest Division as Biodiversity Heritage Site under Section 37 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002, and Rule 22 of Madhya Pradesh Biodiversity Rules, 2004, after following due process. The preliminary notification of Biodiversity Heritage Site, Naro Hills Satna has been issued vide Madhya Pradesh Gazette Notification No. 2392-1335-2017-Ten-2 dated 22.12.2018. No objections have been received on the preliminary notification, which has been sent for concurrence of District Panchayat, Satna.
