

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1066
TO BE ANSWERED NO. 08.02.2021

ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE ZONE IN KERALA

1066. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Government is aware of that because of the Ecologically Sensitive Zones and Ecologically Sensitive Areas notifications, many tribal hamlets will have to be got evacuated in Attapadi in Palakkad district in Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representations in this regard to extend the implementation of these notifications; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

- (a) State Government of Kerala has informed that as per the draft Eco Sensitive Zone notification, no tribal hamlets will be evacuated in Attapadi in Palakkad District in Kerala.
- (b) State Government of Kerala has received some representations in this regard.
- (c) Based on the representations, State Government of Kerala has informed, the Hon'ble Forest Minister of Kerala convened a meeting on 28.09.2020 and decided to exclude all human habitations from the proposals of Eco Sensitive Zone. Accordingly, revised draft proposals for declaring Eco Sensitive Zone around Sanctuaries in the State had been submitted to MoEF & CC for further action.
