

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 905
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

Bio-fencing

905. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether various species have been tested to discover their suitability for use as bio-fencing plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to promote bio-fencing across the country; 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) Although the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) have not tested plant species to discover their suitability for use as bio-fencing plants, many trees, plants and thorny cacti that serve as fences protecting crops from cattle, as wind breakers, conserving soil moisture, besides providing fertilizer and fodder are traditionally used as bio-fencing plants.
- (c) & (d) Funds for fencing are provided as additional support under the National Afforestation Programme implemented by Ministry, which also includes brush wood fencing as per the site requirement and raw material availability. However, there is no specific scheme or component of scheme to specifically promote bio-fencing implemented by the Ministry.
