

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1792
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

Eradication of Invasive Alien Species

1792. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

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

- (a) the steps being taken to control and eradicate invasive alien weeds such as Prosopis Juliflora, Lantana Camara, Parthenium Hysterophorus, Water Hyacinth and other identified invasive species that threaten biodiversity, water bodies and agriculture;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated a national policy or action plan for the systematic eradication of invasive alien species and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government provides any incentives or support to research institutions, NGOs or other organizations actively engaged in the control and eradication of invasive species and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) The important steps taken by the Government to the control and eradicate the invasive species are follows:
- i. In accordance with provisions contained under Section 33 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Ministry has issued guidelines for the process of management planning for Protected Areas and other landscape elements. These guidelines also envisage incorporating prescriptions for eradication of invasive alien species in management plans of protected areas.
 - ii. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change provides financial assistance to States/UTs under its Centrally Sponsored Schemes – ‘Development of Wildlife Habitats’ and ‘Project Tiger and Elephant’ for the conservation and management of wildlife and its habitat, including control of the invasive alien species.
 - iii. The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 has been amended in 2022 to empower the Central Government to regulate or prohibit the import, trade, possession or proliferation of invasive alien species, which pose a threat to the wild life or its habitat in India.
