

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3849**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2016

**Notification on Biosphere Reserves**

3849. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue notifications for biosphere reserves in the country including developing a corridor for linking the wildlife sanctuaries located in the catchment area of the Chambal river; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said Notifications are likely to be issued?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)**

- (a) & (b) Notification for Biosphere Reserves in the country is not issued by the Ministry. However, designation of Biosphere Reserves is done by the Ministry in consultation with the State Governments based on their proposals. The Government of Rajasthan submitted the proposal for Catchment of Chambal River for designation as Biosphere Reserve, in 2012. However, the Indian National Man and Biosphere Committee in its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, dropped the site from the list of proposed Biosphere Reserves based on the comments from the Experts.

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