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BIO- RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up the National Bio-resource Development Board to implement certain 'green channel' projects;
- (b) if so, the main objectives thereof?
- (c) the details of projects to be undertaken as bio-resource development programmes and the funds allocated for the implementation of these programmes;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to preserve the bio-resources of Tamil Nadu;
- (e) whether the Government have received any reports on the bio-resource development projects from the Government of Tamil Nadu; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) & (b) : The Government has set up the National Bioresource Development Board with the following objectives: to decide the broad policy framework for effective application of biotechnological and related scientific approaches for research and development and sustainable utilization of bioresources especially for the development of new products and process; to develop scientific plan of action for contributing to the economic prosperity of the nation through accelerated research & development using the modern tools of biosciences. The scientific programmes to be undertaken under the guidance of the Board would be inter-disciplinary, inter-institutional and time bound with clear-cut milestones.
- (c) Preparation of inventories of important bioresources, bioresource development programmes for special areas, and preparation of databases of bioresources of the country have been undertaken by experts. Technical and financial details are under finalization.
- (d), (e) and (f) : The National Bioresource Development Board aims to develop programmes for the different ecogeographic regions of the contry as a whole including those of Tamil Nadu. No specific report has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu in this regard