

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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DISAPPEARANCE OF SHEESHAM TREES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sheesham trees have lately been disappearing fast in the country due to affliction by fungus;
- (b) if so, the details of the areas afflicted so far, State-wise; and
- (c) the extent of destruction of these trees during the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) As per the information compiled by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE),Dehradun, damage to sheesham trees (Dalbergia sissoo) has been observed in Bihar, Delhi, Harayana, Himanchal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh specially in the plantations raised along roadsides, canal banks, agricultural fields, areas having clayey soils and water logged conditions. Fusarium, Ganoderma and Phellinus have been identified as possible causative agents of such destruction.No perceptible damage has been noticed in sheesham trees found in the natural forests in the country.

(c) No authentic assessment report regarding the exact extent of destruction of sheesham trees in the country during the last three years is available.