

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF AGRO-FORESTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to plant as agro-forestry multipurpose populus deltoids, paulownia fortunei tree species for commercial cultivation in Tamil Nadu Region by identifying the suitability of weather conditions prevailing and matching the phenophasic moisture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to educate the villages to inculcate the development of agro-forestry system in the country; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Research Wing of the State Forest Department of Tamil Nadu had undertaken introduction trial of Populus deltoids and Paulownia fortunei tree species for commercial cultivation. The research trial of Paulownia species have failed and it is not found suitable for Tamil Nadu. Based on the research trials and viability of the Populus deltoids, the villagers will be educated accordingly. National Forest Policy envisages to inculcate in the people a direct interest in forests, their development and conservation and to make them conscious of the value of trees, wildlife and nature in general through involvement of educational institutions.

(c) Does not arise.