

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

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THREAT TO SILENT VALLEY

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that world renowned Silent Valley is facing a threat as 35 acres of its Corridor at Kakkivani Malavaram under the Mannarked Forest Division has been cleared for plantation/cultivation and the settlers, have encroached upon the rain forest; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/to be taken to prevent the illegal use and occupation of this land alongwith removal of encroachers therefrom?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) The State Government authorities have detected illegal ganja cultivation during the current year in Mannarked Forest Division adjacent to Silent Valley National Park.

(b) The illegal ganja crop was destroyed. Actions including booking of offence cases and making arrests have also been taken.