

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

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

- (a) whether the Government had declared Singhalila Range at Darjeeling and Neora Forest at Kalimpong as National Parks recently;
- (b) if so, whether action is yet to be taken to improve these two National Parks even after being declared as National Parks;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. As per reports received from State Government, Singhalila National Park and Neora Valley National Park have been notified in 1992.
- (b) Yes, Sir. Development and conservation works are being undertaken under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, State Plan and Non Plan budgets as per the Management Plans prepared for them.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Development works in the Singhalila National Park and Neora Valley National Park include improvement of habitat for conservation of wildlife, release of captive bred Red Panda, strengthening of infrastructure, consolidation works, etc. Eco development works are being implemented to associate the local communities in conservation works.