

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3707  
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SILENT VALLEY  
Nambadan Shri Lonappan

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

- (a) whether the Silent Valley has been declared as a national biosphere reserve to protect and preserve the unique eco-diversity of the region;
- (b) if so, the national and international status of this biosphere reserve;
- (c) whether this biosphere reserve has yet to be officially accepted by UNESCO; and
- (d) if so, the measures and steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to get UNESCO's recognition to Silent Valley ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The Silent Valley located in Kerala is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve encompassing parts of three States viz. Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The said Biosphere Reserve has been accorded recognition by UNESCO, and is placed on the World List of Biosphere Reserves.