

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:819

ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005

BIO-DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

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

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 813 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2005 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO IRRIGATION PROJECTS 813. SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Union Government has started the process of developing the national bio-diversity action plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) has submitted report on national bio-diversity strategy and action plan ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard? ANSWER

Answer

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

(a,b,c,d&e) The Ministry has started the process of developing the National Biodiversity Action Plan. As a first step, work was assigned to two organizations, 'Kalpavriksh' and 'Bio-tech Consortium India Ltd.,' under a United Nations Development Programme - Global Environment Facility sponsored project to prepare a project report based on which the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) was to be finalized. Pursuant to the completion of project tenure, the Ministry of Environment and Forests received the draft Project Report as consolidated and prepared by Kalpavriksh. Subsequently, a group of experts was constituted by the Ministry to scrutinize the draft Report prepared by the Kalpavriksh and rectify the discrepancies and inconsistencies which were noticed in the Report. The report has since been duly corrected by the Group of Experts. This corrected and revised report is going to act as an input for the draft National Action Plan (NAP). The first draft of the NAP has been discussed in the Ministry and the final draft is to be prepared, harmonizing it with the provisions of the draft Environment Policy. After approval of the draft National Action Plan within the Ministry, the following actions will be initiated:

Inter-ministerial consultation on the draft National Action Plan ;

Preparation of the Cabinet Note for approval of the Action Plan by the Cabinet ;

Release of the National Action Plan.