

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

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MEETING OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ministerial level meeting was held in New Delhi in January 2005 on Access and Benefit Sharing of our Biological Resources; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. An Expert and Ministerial level meeting of the seventeen Like Minded Megadiverse Countries (LMMCs) on Access and Benefit Sharing was held in New Delhi in January 2005.

(b) In this meeting, the LMMCs worked out a common position for developing an international regime on access and benefit sharing, and adopted the New Delhi Ministerial Declaration on access and benefit sharing.