

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

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DEFINITION OF FOREST

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has finalized the definition of forests as reported in the Times of India dated October 10, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new forest definition is likely to affect tribal rights; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken up by the Union Government to protect the tribal rights?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. RAGUPATHY)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (d) Does not arise.