

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

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CONSERVATION OF FLORA AND FAUNA  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) whether the Eastern Ghats in the country considered as a treasure house of medicinal plants, rare flora and fauna are under severe strains;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of a Centre of Excellence for the conservation of Eastern Ghats;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it will be set up?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Eastern Ghats are under strain due to various anthropogenic factors,
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c)&(d) Does not arise.