

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1066  
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REMOVAL OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES OF PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take steps for physical removal of invasive alien species of plants, which adversely affects the availability of water and also affects the productivity of land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether exotic varieties of trees, like palm and eucalyptus, are being planted to show the completed afforestation projects in Delhi in the wake of upcoming Commonwealth Games; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) The Central Government has introduced a component on "Control and Eradication of Forest Invasive Species" in its ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Intensification of Forest Management" w.e.f. 2009-10. An outlay of Rs. 30.00 crore had been proposed for the XI Plan period. During the initial years, financial assistance is being provided to the State/UT Forest Departments for carrying out survey of forest invasive species and for preparing a Management Plan. Activities in the Management Plan would include research and eradication of invasive species from forest areas.

(c)&(d) No, sir.