

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open the butterfly parks and gardens in the country including in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) There is no proposal with the Ministry to open new Butterfly Parks and Gardens in the country including Andhra Pradesh. However, as per the information available, there is a Butterfly Park at Bannerghatta Biological Park, near Bangalore in Karnataka. Similarly, there is Butterfly Safari under the Thenmala Ecotourism Promotion Society at Thenmala in Kerala. The responsibility of setting up Butterflies Parks/ Gardens is vested primarily with the concerned State/ UT Governments. So far, no proposals have been received in the Ministry from State/ UT Governments seeking support for opening new Butterfly Parks/ Gardens.