

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

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

- (a) whether a number of potential sites are under consideration of the Government for declaring them as biosphere reserves;
- (b) if so, their names, location-wise; and
- (c) the time by which these sites are likely to be sanctioned ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Only one area namely Seshachalam hill ranges spread in parts of Chittoor and Kadapa districts of Andhra Pradesh is under consideration for designation as biosphere reserve.
- (c) It will be designated as biosphere reserve after receipt of detailed information from the State Government.