

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

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DECLARATION OF BIO-DIVERSITY SITE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for declaration of bio-diversity heritage site in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the experts for a bio-diversity literacy movement initiation to educate people regarding the importance of genetic resources; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a),(b) &(c). A proposal for declaration of the Pampa River Basin as Biodiversity Heritage Site has been received from the Pampa Parirakshana Samithy, Pathanamthitta district, Kerela through Shri Anto Antony, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha. The concerned Member of Parliament has been informed that as per the provisions of Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the onus of notifying areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites is with the State Governments, and accordingly, the Kerela Government could be approached for action on this matter. However no proposal has been received from the Government of Kerela.

(d) & (e). The National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai has informed that they have received a proposal on Bio-Literacy for Biodiversity from the Centre for Ecology and Research, Thanjavur. The proposal seeks funds to the tune of Rs 3.80 lakh and the objective of the proposal is to create awareness and concern among teaching learning community about Biodiversity and its associated problems. The proposal is under examination by the National Biodiversity Authority.