

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to develop biosphere reserves in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the locations thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has given its clearance to these reserves;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any plan has been chalked out for the rehabilitation of tribals living in these areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) In Andhra Pradesh, the Seshachalam hills and surrounding areas have been identified for designation as a Biosphere Reserve.
- (c) Reply from the State Government is still awaited.
- (d) to (f) Does not arise.