

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4326

ANSWERED ON:29.08.2011

APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL PLAN .

Bapurao Shri Khatgaonkar Patil Bhaskarrao;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Khairi Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao;Nirupam Shri Sanjay Brijkishorilal ;Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from the Government of Maharashtra for the approval of regional developmental plan of Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the said plan; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a), (b) & (c) The Government has approved the Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Regional Development Plan (2002 – 2022) prepared by the Government of Maharashtra subject to the condition that the green zones shall not be converted into the non-green uses and the tourism Master Plan which is part of the Regional Plan should also be subsequently notified as part-II of the Regional Plan. These plans are to be notified by the Government of Maharashtra under the relevant act for information to the public.