

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to entrust the work of development, conservation and protection of forests to the private sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) No, Sir

(c) to (e) No, Sir. However, the Industry leaders have made suggestions to the Ministry of Finance including Private Public Partnership in reforestation of degraded forest lands. The present policy and legal framework does not provide for making forest land available to industry for such purpose.