

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up National Institute for sustainable Forestry and National Resources and National Forest Documentation Centre for Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be earmarked in this regard; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, The Ministry of Environment and Forests is envisaging Centre for Sustainable Forestry and Natural Resources at Delhi, which will function as the national centre for documentation and Communication pertaining to forestry & natural resources. It will also house an Indian National Forest Documentation Centre (INForDOC) and an Indian National Forest Communication Centre (INForCOM).

The INForDOC is envisaged as a national clearing house and store of documents in different formats, pertaining to forestry & natural resources, especially the annual reports, working plans, occasional reports, and all grey literature, for the reference of the interested public. The INForCOM is seen as a national centre to prepare forest sector reports, bring together different stakeholders in conferences, workshops etc. to exchange information, experience & viewpoints, and most significantly, to communicate the experience & activities of the forest department through all available media in a manner to catch the imagination of youth, academicians, policy makers, bilateral and multilateral agencies, and the general informed public all over the world.

The time for setting up and the funds required for the project has not been prescribed. However, it is envisaged to be part of the research and communications activities under the Green Indian Mission, running for 10 years from 2012-13.