

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5588
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FUNDS FOR TREATMENT OF FOREST AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Department of Land Resources is not allocating funds for treatment of forest areas which are prioritized as integral parts of watershed projects based on the criteria defined by the Department itself;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether non-allocation of funds would lead to denial of livelihoods to the forest dwellers; and
- (d) if so, the strategy being worked out to tackle the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

- (a) No Sir. The Department of Land Resources is allocating funds for treatment of forest areas which are integral part of selected watershed project area.
- (b) to (d) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.