

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7281
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ESZ OF WESTERN GHATS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ecology Expert Panel has submitted its report to the Government last year on Ecological Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the Western Ghats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Maharashtra Government has raised objections on this issue; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to settle the issues?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests has submitted its report to the Ministry. The Ministry is consulting the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries and has not yet taken any view on the recommendations contained in the report.