

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to establish plant DNA banks for collection of DNA of important crop plant species to preserve bio-diversity in flora and fauna in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c) According to information received from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established Genomic Resources Repository at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi. The genomic resources of plants, fishes, animals, micro-organisms including their DNA are being conserved.