

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3622  
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FUNDS TO ORGANISE BIO-DIVERSITY CONFERENCE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to the Union Government to provide funds to organize Bio-Diversity Conference to be held in Hyderabad from 1st October to 19th October, 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide funds to ensure smooth functioning of the Conference;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e)- Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for a provision of Rs. 1028 crore from the budget of Ministry of Environment and Forests for improving the infrastructure and beautification of the city of Hyderabad. These funds were required by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Home, Information & Public Relation, Forest, Tourism and Transport Departments, Culture, Medical and Health, AP National Green Corps. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has requested the various Central line-ministries to explore the possibility of enhancing disbursement of funds to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in their respective areas of support.

In a subsequent request, Government of Andhra Pradesh revised the proposed assistance to Rs. 364 Crore approximately which has been taken up with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance for budgetary allocation over and above the plan allocation of Andhra Pradesh for 2012-13.