

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

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PROMOTION OF BIO DIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds have been allocated for the promotion of biodiversity and the specific areas for which these funds have been implemented over the last two years;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to receive external funding to meet the Aichi bio-diversity targets; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

a) This Ministry is implementing a scheme on Biodiversity Conservation with the objective to ensure coordination among various agencies dealing with issues related to conservation of biodiversity and to review, monitor and evolve adequate policy instruments for the same. In the last two years, the expenditure incurred under the scheme was Rs. 6.72 crores for 2010-11 and Rs. 11.79 crores for 2011-12, for National Biodiversity Authority, Biosafety and organization of meetings and workshops.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) has accessed US\$242,000 from Global Environment Facility (GEF) through a direct access project titled "Strengthening the enabling environment for biodiversity conservation and management in India". The objective of the project is to provide assistance in meeting national reporting requirements to CBD by India which includes development of national targets in line with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, revision of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) and preparation of fifth National Report for Biodiversity.