

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has observed 'World Forestry Day' recently in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any targets under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the targets?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has observed World Forestry Day on 21.3.2012 at New Delhi. On the occasion a function was organised at India International Centre, New Delhi with the objective to create awareness among public about the importance of forests as life sustaining system and its critical role in human well being. No specific targets are fixed by the Government of India, however, the World Forestry Day is observed throughout the Country by State Forest Departments on the summer solstice day on 21st March every year during which various activities to create awareness about the importance of forests in ecological security and livelihood support are taken up.