

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any targets regarding bio-diversity during the year, 2010 in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved impact related to bio-diversity;
- (c) whether the Government has resolved to provide any financial assistance to strengthen the institutional set up for the conservation of bio-diversity in the country; and
- (d) if so, the Organisation-wise details of the financial assistance going to be made available to the various Organisations?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The tenth Conference of Parties (CoP-10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) held in Nagoya in October 2010 adopted Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 with five goals and 20 targets. The Strategic Plan is a ten-year framework for action by all countries and stakeholders to save biodiversity and enhance its benefits for people, and India is a Party to the CBD. The Vision of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is that by 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential to all people. The Mission of the Strategic Plan is to take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity in order to ensure that by 2020 ecosystems are resilient and continue to provide essential services, thereby securing the planet's variety of life, and contributing to human well-being, and poverty eradication.

(c) & (d) India hosted the CoP-11 to the CBD in Hyderabad in October 2012. The Prime Minister during the opening of the High Level Segment of CoP-11 announced that the Government of India has decided to earmark a sum of US \$ 50 million during India's Presidency of CoP to strengthen institutional mechanism, enhance the technical and human capabilities for biodiversity conservation in India, and to promote similar capacity building in other developing countries. Out of Rs. 216 crores already approved for the 12th Five Year Plan for Biodiversity Conservation Scheme, Rs. 46 crores are for National Biodiversity Authority, Rs. 12.50 crores are for strengthening of State Biodiversity Boards, Rs. 50 crores are for People's Biodiversity Registers, Rs. 12.50 crores are for Biosafety, Rs. 45 crores are for CoP-11 and India's Presidency of CoP-11, and Rs. 50 crores are for South-South cooperation.