

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

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CONSERVATION OF BIO DIVERSITY  
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for conservation of bio-diversity of Western Ghats in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the areas of Western Ghats which are proposed to be included under this plan. State-wise;
- (c) the criteria adopted for including these areas; and
- (d) the funds proposed to be allocated by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The National Biodiversity Action Plan (2008) and National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016) are already in place for the conservation of biodiversity in the country, including the Western Ghats. Further, 39 Serial Sites in the Western Ghats in the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have been inscribed as World Heritage Sites in the UNESCO World Heritage List during the 36th session of World Heritage Committee held in July, 2012 at Saint Petersburg, Russia. The various elements of these serial sites are National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Reserve Forests, which are managed under relevant enabling legal and administrative provisions. The State-wise details of the 39 Serial Sites is at Annexure.

(c) For a site to be included on the World Heritage List, the site must be of outstanding universal value and meet at least one out of ten extant selection criteria of the World Heritage Committee.

(d) The funds allocated in the 12th Five Year Plan for conservation of wildlife and its habitat in the country, including the Western Ghats, through the Centrally Sponsored Schemes is as follows:

S.No. Name of the Scheme Amount allocated in the 12th Five Year Plan  
(Rupees in crores)

1 Integrated Development of  
Wildlife Habitats 800.00

2 Project Elephant 200.00

3 Project Tiger 1245.00

Total 2245.00