

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has organized any bio-diversity conference in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the funds spent during the said period for the above purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Government organized the sixth Meeting of the Parties serving as the Conference of the Parties (CoP/MoP-6) to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the eleventh Conference of the Parties (CoP-11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Hyderabad in October 2012. CoP-11 is the largest ever such conference on biodiversity organized in India. Thousands of delegates representing 170 countries, UN agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, indigenous and local community representatives, academia and private sector participated in CoP-11. Minister/Vice-Minister level participation at CoP-11 was around 80. The meeting was presided over by the Minister for Environment & Forests, India as the President of CoP-11. The High Level Segment of CoP-11 was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India on 16th October, 2012.

In preparation for CoP-11, the Government also organized the second meeting of Intergovernmental Committee on Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing of the CBD (ICNP-2) in New Delhi on 2-6 June, 2012. The meeting was attended by over 500 participants. The recommendations adopted by ICNP-2 were inter alia considered by CoP-11.

CoP-11 adopted 33 decisions on a range of strategic, substantive, administrative, financial, and budgetary issues, aimed towards conservation of biodiversity. One of the most importance outcomes of CoP-11 is the commitment of the Parties to double the total biodiversity-related international financial resource flows to developing countries by 2015 and at least maintaining this level until 2020.

(c) The amount spent on organising CoP/MoP-6, CoP-11 and ICNP-2 was approximately Rs.80 crores.