

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

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

- (a) whether the India has not been able to get any credit at international forums for the work in the forestry management;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government at International level in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. India's role in the field of forestry is widely recognised, including India's efforts at stabilization of country's Forest & Tree Cover while ensuring inclusive development of the local communities through Sustainable Forest Management practices, capacity building of officers of other countries including SAARC countries by way of training in various aspects of forestry in leading forestry institutions of India, etc.

(c) Country is an active participant of a number of international treaties, forums & processes related to forestry which include United Nations' instruments/ bodies including United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNFCCC), International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO); Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) instruments/bodies including Asia Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC), Asia Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network (APFISN); International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), etc.