

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3232  
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ALLOTMENT OF LAND FOR SABARIMALA TEMPLE  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for allotment of forest/surplus land in Pampa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the current status of the proposal?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Since 1995, the Union Government has, altogether, received 13 proposals seeking forest land diversion for various purposes for Sabarimala temple in Pampa. Out of these, seven proposals have been approved, five have been closed and one has been rejected on merits. The details are contained in the Annexure.