

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

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CHECK ON SPREAD OF DISEASE OF TREE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the diseases affecting the teak trees in the teak tree growing areas of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note that the teak trees in the Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh are getting affected by diseases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has sent any team of experts to study these diseases and suggest measures to the same;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) The common diseases reported from the teak growing areas of the country include teak top dying and dieback, leaf curl and stunting and root rot caused by pathogenic fungi and attack by teak skeletonizer and teak defoliator.
- (b) & (c) As per report received from Madhya Pradesh Government, Tropical Forestry Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur has recently received information about dying of tree branches of teak forests in Hinota and Talgaon plateaus of Panna Tiger Reserve.
- (d) to (f) The Central Government has not deputed any team of experts to visit these areas. It is well within the mandate of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and TFRI, Jabalpur to investigate and suggest necessary remedial measures.