

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

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PUBLICATION OF MAGAZINES ON ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any publication on environment is being regularly brought out by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether editor and editorial team have been separately appointed for selection of material for the magazine;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (Dr. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) & (b): The Ministry was publishing a quarterly journal titled 'Paryavaran Abstracts' for reporting on extant literature on research on environmental sciences in the Indian context under the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Scheme, the editing of which was outsourced between 1984 and 2006 to the ENVIS Centre at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and between 2007 and 2008 to The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi. From 2009 till 2010 its printing was discontinued, and the journal edited by TERI was posted on the website of the Ministry. The journal stands discontinued since 2011 in light of advancements in information technology which enabled recourse to many search engines in the field. The Newsletter titled 'ENVIRONEWS' for disseminating information relating to important policies, programmes, legislations, amendments to existing Acts, projects sanctioned and other decisions brought out by the Ministry, which was edited and printed through the ENVIS Centre at Development Alternatives, New Delhi since 1997, has also been discontinued since. The Hindi magazine 'Paryavaran' published by the Ministry has not been brought out in the last few years.

However, the ENVIS Centres set up by the Ministry country-wide, hosted either in a Department of a State Government/ Union Territory Administration or an Institute/ Organisation/ autonomous body, are periodically publishing on their Website, Newsletters and other publications in their assigned area, the editing of which is taken up by the respective host.

Further, various Reports, Studies, and other publications of varying periodicity are brought out by the Ministry, which include the Report to the People on the Environment, State-of-the- Environment Reporting at National level, for various States/ Union Territories, as also for Metro Cities/ Towns/ Environmental Hot-Spots, and also thematic ones such as the Report on "Climate Change and India: A 4X4 Assessment – A Sectoral and Regional Analysis for 2030s" brought out through the Indian Network for Climate Change Assessment (INCCA).

(c) to (e): Does not arise.