

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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COMPENSATION TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kasturirangan Committee on the conservation of the Western Ghats is considering an economic compensation programme to protect the interests of the farmers in the villages demarcated as Ecologically Sensitive Areas; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had constituted a High Level Working Group (HLWG) under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, the then Member (Science), of the erstwhile Planning Commission on 17th August, 2012. The HLWG had submitted its report to the Ministry on 15th April, 2013. The recommendations of the HLWG inter alia include incentivizing green growth in Western Ghats region which includes promotion of sustainable agriculture by incentivizing growers in the Western Ghats to move towards organic cultivation.