

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ENVIRONMENT ATLAS OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has developed a State of Environment Atlas of India;
- (b) If so, the current status of the Atlas and the extent to which it has been useful in implementing environment-related schemes/projects;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to develop it further with a simpler interface for use by youth and students and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether the Government is considering to create environmental awareness in a big way in the coming years including the utility of the said Atlas; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The Atlas is currently running successfully on the web <http://www.soeatlas.org>. The objective of the atlas is to disseminate environmental and socio-economic related information at the state and district level.
- (c) The current Atlas is already very simple and with user-friendly interface and it can be used by the youth, students, researchers and different line departments of Central and State Government.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. The Government is already carrying out environmental awareness in a big way through its various awareness programmes/schemes, including National Environment Awareness Programme, seminars, conferences, workshops, research programmes, education, etc.