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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create Bio-diversity parks in the capital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land for the same is in the possession of Delhi Development Authority (DDA);
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which land is likely to be acquired for the purpose; and
- (e) the likely effect of the development of such parks on the environment in Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that the following Bio-diversity parks are proposed to be created in the capital:-

i) Yamuna Bio-diversity Park: Location- village Wazirabad and JharodaMajra;

ii) Aravali Bio-diversity Park: Location- near VasantVihar;

iii) Northern Ridge: Location - near Delhi University;

iv) NeelaHauz: Location - near south central Ridge, along ArunaAsaf Ali Road;

v) Tilpath Valley: Location - near Sainik Farms; and

vi) Yamuna River Front ('O' Zone).

(c)&(d): DDA has informed that land for four bio-diversity parks namely, Yamuna Bio-diversity Park, Aravali Bio-diversity Park, Northern Ridge and NeelaHauz is with DDA and is under development. Tilpath Valley and Yamuna River front are in planning stage.

(e): DDA has informed that the development of bio-diversity parks is likely to affect the environment in Delhi by.

Improving conservation/preservation of natural heritage/ wilderness/ vanishing flora and fauna;

Acting as nature reserves;

Creating conglomerations of biological communities that help in (i) CO2 sequestration, (ii) recharge ground water, (iii) augmenting water availability and (iv) ameliorating local weather conditions;

Creating habitats that support rich wildlife; and

Creating hubs for promotion of nature conservation education.