

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

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ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish national level Environment Research Institutes sponsored by the Government which will act as the premier research and innovation centre in the field of environment sciences, act as the apex technical advisory national agency on all matters relating to management of the environment and will co-ordinate with other designated national laboratories in the field of environment management and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal is pending before the Government for identifying technical institutions, including IITs, private and public engineering colleges, as well as laboratories of the CSIR and other agencies nationally, to act as technical reference agencies on specific areas relating to air, water pollution and related areas in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken so far including disbursement of funds, if any?

Answer

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

(a) to (c):The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had constituted a High Level Committee on 29th August, 2014 to inter alia assess the status of forest, wildlife and environment related statutes with the objective of aligning the current legal framework with the requirements of the future. The Committee submitted its report to this Ministry in November, 2014 and has made a total of 55 recommendations related to forest, wildlife and environment. The recommendations of the High Level Committee inter alia include the establishment of a National Environment Research Institute through an Act of Parliament and to identify specific technical institutions in the country to act as technical advisors. The Ministry is examining the recommendations of the High Level Committee Report.