

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

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NILGIRI BIOSPHERE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received reports of environmental degradation in Nilgiri Biosphere, one of the most important bio-diversity centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken and the funds allocated by the Government for the protection of the Nilgiri Biosphere?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) Ministry under its Biosphere Reserve Program, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, provides funds for implementation of Management Action Plans submitted by the concerned State Governments. The items of intervention for management include value addition activities, rehabilitation of landscapes of threatened species and eco-systems, Socio-economic upliftment of local communities, maintenance and protection of corridor areas and development of eco-tourism.

Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, one of the most important bio-diversity centres in the country, is located in the tri-junctional area of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka States. For implementation of Management Action Plans in Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, the Ministry has provided financial assistance of about Rs.273.48 lakh during the last three years.