

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

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Forests Near Residential Areas  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of forests situated closer to residential areas in the country, State-wise, particularly in Haryana;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to develop the said forests as tourist sites; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) As per the information provided by Haryana Forest Department, the strips such as roads, canals and bundhs have been declared as protected forests. These protected forests are close to residential areas. Some block forests in districts of Mahendergarh, Kaithal, Yamunanagar and Panchkula are also situated near residential areas. The list of district wise/category wise forests in the State of Haryana is given in Annexure-I. At present, there is no plan to develop the said forests as tourist sites.

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