

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

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New Forest Policy

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a draft on the new National Forest Policy and if so, the details and present status thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to impose green cess and to allow the private companies to make use of it for the development of forest land and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether certain sections of the society have raised objections in this regard and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the IIFM, Bhopal has conducted any study in this regard and if so, the details and findings thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has studied the said report; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) Yes. Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) was asked to prepare a draft National Forest Policy. IIFM has submitted the draft policy document.

e) & (f) No decision has been taken on the draft policy submitted.
