

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3908
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NATIONAL BIO DIVERSITY GARDEN
Mullappally Shri Ramachandran

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

- (a) the present status of the proposal for establishment of a National Bio-Diversity Garden in Munnar, Kerala;
- (b) whether the National Bio-Diversity Authority has approved the proposal; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds provided for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The proposal submitted by the Government of Kerala to the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) seeking financial support for setting up a National Biodiversity Garden and Traditional Knowledge Centre in Munnar region of Idukki District in Kerala, was considered by the NBA in its Authority meeting and approved in-principle, subject to submission of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the Kerala State Biodiversity Board for further consideration by NBA, and the condition that the financial assistance from NBA would not be used for infrastructure, salary and sustenance purpose.