

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

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PROJECTS UNDER EASTERN AND WESTERN GHATS

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing various projects, particularly projects under Eastern and Western Ghats Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the objectives of the Eastern and Western Ghats Programme, Separately; and
- (d) the total number of ongoing projects under these programmes along with the budget allocation for each project?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The Ministry does not have any specific Plan scheme called Eastern and Western Ghats Programme. However, the following projects have been sanctioned in Eastern and Western Ghats region:

(i) 'Assessment of population structure, phenology and natural regeneration of *Pterocarpus santalinus*- endemic endangered and exploited tree species of Southern Eastern Ghats', with a project cost of Rs. 17,63,750/-.

(ii) 'Understanding the ecosystem service of pollination in a fragmented seasonal cloud forest in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra' with a project cost of Rs.33,84,000/-.

(iii) Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) is engaged in documenting faunal diversity of Western and Eastern Ghat Region through 34 ongoing research programmes conducted by its scientists at Southern Regional Center, Chennai; Western Ghat Regional Center, Kozhikode; Western Regional Centre, Pune and Freshwater Biology Regional Center. However, there is no separate allocation for each research programme.

(iv) For 'Biosphere Reserve', an amount of Rs. 1 crore to Nilgiri (Kerala) , Rs. 1.50 crore to Nilgiri (Tamil Nadu), Rs 1 crore to Agasthyamala (Kerala), Rs 0.80 crore to Agasthyamala (Tamil Nadu), and Rs. 0.20 crore to Seshachalam (Andhra Pradesh) has been released during 2014-15.

(v) Botanical Survey of India engaged in documenting traditional knowledge, has been conducting floristic surveys in the Eastern and Western Ghats of the country. Floristic Surveys in Eastern Ghats include flora of Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve and Nagarjunasagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh, Sat Kosia Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha. Floristic Surveys in Western ghats include Follicolous Fungi & Orchids of Maharashtra, Flora of Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, Flora of Billirangaswamy Wildlife Sanctuary, Ferns & Flora of Sharavati Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka and Flora of Sirivilliputhur Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu. Seven floristic survey projects in Western Ghats and three floristic survey projects in the Eastern Ghats are presently being executed by Botanical Survey of India. No separate budget allocation is there for each of these programmes.