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Title: Need to clear pending proposals of the Government of Karnataka regarding management of bio-diversity in coastal districts of Karnataka.-Laid.

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA): Sir, the Karnataka State had submitted the following three proposals for clearance:-

- (1) The project proposal involves maintenance of the existing lavender (Bursera) plantations, procurement and planting of saplings, establishment of a dry zone Bio-diversity Park and also raising of a nursery of medicinal and aromatic plants. The project is proposed with an estimated cost of Rs. 50.00 lakhs
- (2) Seeking financial assistance for conservation of Sacred Groves (Devarakudu) in Kodagu district of Karnataka. The project proposal involves survey and demarcation, fencing, gap planting, documentation through inventorisation and report generation project is proposed with an estimated cost of Rs. 60 lakhs.
- (3) Seeking financial assistance for conservation and management of Bio-diversity in coastal districts of Karnataka. The project proposal involves in situ and ex situ conservation of medicinal plants, orchids, swamp forests, raverie bio-diversity, marine bio-diversity, assessment & documentation and database creation of coastal bio-diversity. The project is proposed with an estimated cost of Rs. 55 lakhs.

I urge upon the Government to kindly give its clearance at an early date as these are pending for long.