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Title: Need to bifurcate Ministry of Environment and Forest

to facilitate quick action and decision making in the matters concerning Environment and Forests.

SHRI K.C. SINGH 'BABA' (NAINITAL): Sir, I wish to draw attention towards an issue concerning preservation, protection and sustainable development of our ecological system, environment, forests and wild life. At present only one Ministry, that is the Ministry of Environment and Forests is responsible for administration and management of a wide range of subjects like global warming, environmental safety, wild life preservation and afforestation. Experience has shown that the Ministry of Environment and Forests, despite its best efforts, has not been able to handle a huge number of subjects coming within its purview. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider reducing the burden of this Ministry by bifurcating Ministry into two separate Ministries, that is, the Ministry of Forests and Wild Life and the Ministry of Environment. Such a bifurcation will facilitate quick action and decision making in the matters relating to preservation and protection of wild life, particularly preventing poaching of tigers and other animals, increase in forest area, sustainable ecological development and also in taking timely remedial measures to check the ill effects of global warming and other climatic changes on human health.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Madhu Goud Yaskhi - Not present.

Shri Haribhau Jawale.