

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 847
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2018

Eco-Sensitive Areas of Western Ghats

847. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has republished the draft notification regarding Western Ghats Eco Sensitive Areas (ESA) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received views/comments/reports on ESAs from all the Western Ghats States and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to issue final notification of the same very recently and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to incorporate the views of State Government of Kerala in restricting ESA to forest only while issuing final notification and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has republished the draft Notification to declare Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA) of the Western Ghats vide S.O.5135(E) dated 03.10.2108. After republishing the draft Notification, this Ministry had issued letters seeking views /comments of the State Governments of Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra and Goa.

(c) &(d) The Ministry is willing to finalise the notification duly considering the views of public/stakeholders and the concerned State Governments, including the State of Kerala in consultation with the Expert Committee of Eco Sensitive Zone.
