

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4461
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PLANTATION OF FRUIT TREES ON FOREST LAND
DUKHA BHAGAT

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

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to encourage plantation of fruit trees on forest land which will not only boost the production of fruits but also help in maintaining eco-friendly environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the forest land is likely to be distributed on lease hold basis for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) & (b) The Central Government does not encourage planting of horticultural varieties of fruit trees on the forest land. However, plantations of wild varieties of fruit trees are carried out on forest land along with other natural growing species with the objective of supporting the bio-diversity of the area.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.