

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

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PROTECTION OF PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of species and sub-species of plants in the country;
- (b) whether the Government propose to enact any legislation to protect plants in the forest; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

- (a) The Botanical Survey of India has so far recorded about 46,000 plant species in the country.
- (b) & (c) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 provides for protection of flora and fauna in notified Sanctuaries and National Parks. Schedule VI of the act prohibits picking and uprooting of specified plant species.