

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:67  
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HANDING OVER OF ARALAM FARM TO KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government have decided to hand over the `Aralam Farm` to the Kerala State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a)&(b) The Government of Kerala has offered to take over the Central State Farm, Aralam from the Government of India at a mutually agreed cost in order to utilise half of its land for resettlement of tribals and to operate the remaining land as a farm. The State Government has agreed to absorb the workers/employees after providing Voluntary Retirement to such of them as may be necessary to ensure that the farm is run as a viable economic unit.

(c) Does not arise.