

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

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ASSISTANCE FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY

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

- (a) whether US President had announced a financial assistance of \$45,000 for environment protection during his recent visit to India;
- (b) if so, whether the Government would make use of this offer by embarking on tree plantation drive in Palani, Oddanchatram, Vellakoil and Kangayam areas of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

- (a) In the course of his speech in Agra on 22nd March 2000, the US President announced inter-alia that the US Agency for International Development will provide US \$45 million to promote more efficient energy production and use in India.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.