

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

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SETTING KUP OF BIO-DIVERSITY AUTHORITY  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Bio-diversity Authority, envisaged in the Bio-diversity Act, has not been set up so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (c) the steps taken for setting up the Authority early; and
- (d) the measures taken to ensure that the stake holders of traditional knowledge get their rightful share?

**Answer**

(a), (b) & (c) The Chairman and the Secretary for the National Bio-diversity Authority have been appointed. To make the Authority functional, the services of some staff from existing organizations have been transferred on loan basis to the Authority. A building has been identified to accommodate the office of the Authority at Chennai.

(d) The Bio-diversity Act fully provides for ensuring that the stakeholders of the traditional knowledge get their rightful share.