

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

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ENCROACHMENT OF FOREST LAND BY PLANTATION COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the large scale organised encroachment of forest areas by the plantation companies in the country particularly in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for evicting the same ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAYAN MEENA)

(a) and (b) No instance of large scale organised encroachment of forest areas by the plantation companies in the country including the state of Kerala, has come to the notice of the Government. However a few cases of encroachment by Plantation Companies have been reported from the State of Karnataka. The details are as follows :-

District No. of Companies Area in Ha.

Kodagu	4 companies	217.00
Chickmagalur	20 companies	299.45

Forest offence cases have been registered against these companies.