

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

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

- (a) the details of various sites and the States in the western ghats of India selected under the "World Heritage Sites" by the UNESCO, location-wise;
- (b) the likely advantage of this selection of world heritage sites in regard to the bio-diversity and the wild life existing in this area;
- (c) whether a status of eco-sensitive zone would be given to these world heritage sites to preserve the bio-diversity and the wild life; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No natural site in the Western Ghats has been inscribed on the World Heritage List of UNESCO.
- (b) (c) & (d) Does not arise.