

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS FOR FOREST DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether forest land would be made available to private and foreign companies for development of forest cover and animal life;
- (b) if so, whether any proposal in this regard is received by the Union Government from foreign/private companies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. However, preparation of the framework for Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) for forestation of degraded lands has been initiated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The proposed framework envisages a tripartite arrangement between the land owning agency, the local village communities, and the sponsors who may be a company, firm, user group, trust, society or organization in public or private sector.

(b) & (c) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Environment & Forests.