

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:99  
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2007  
PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED FLORA  
Vijay Krishna Shri

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

- (a) the details of endangered flora identified and those out of them facing extinction;
- (b) whether illegal trade of such flora is taking place; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 99 DUE FOR REPLY ON 05.03.2007 REGARDING PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED FLORA BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA

(a) to (c) There are 155 endangered species in the country. Similarly about 120 plant species are known to have already gone extinct in India. These endangered and extinct plant species are mostly distributed/ recorded in the hotspot areas of Western Ghats, Himalayas and Andaman-Nicobar Islands. Many of the endangered plants are feared to be on the verge of extinction. However, the exact degree/extent of extinction threat faced by the critically endangered plants is not known.