

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

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PROTECTION OF SANDALWOOD TRACTS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal for the protection of sandal tracts at Marayoor in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir. The State Forest Department, Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal of Rs. 18.91 Crores for the protection of sandal tracts at Marayoor in Kerala.
- (b) The major programme of the proposed project include the following important components:
 - (i) Programmes for the protection of sandal forests.
 - (ii) Development of infrastructure and staff amenities.
 - (iii) Development of Participatory Forest Management (PFM) / assistance for village communities
 - (iv) Development of sandal resource in and around Marayoor including private lands.
 - (v) Education, interpretation, awareness about sandal protection.
 - (vi) Improvement of sandal depots at Marayoor.
 - (vii) Value addition of sandal wood and its marketing.
 - (viii) Monitoring and evolution.
- (c) The proposal submitted by Kerala State Forest Department is not in accordance with the guidelines and cost norms of the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS). The proposal in its present form can not be approved.