

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

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PLANTATION OF MANGROVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to encourage plantation of mangroves along the coastal areas in the country including Orissa and West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Mangroves require an appropriate mixture of saline & freshwater, and soft substrate like mudflats to be able to grow and perpetuate. The Ministry of Environment & Forests have so far identified 38 sites in the country as appropriate for planting of mangroves, and their conservation and management. The State-wise list, including Orissa & West Bengal, is given in the Annexure.

Under the Scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves, 100 % Central Assistance is given to coastal States and Union Territories for implementing the approved Management Action Plans in the identified sites for components like survey & demarcation, mangrove planting, restoration & regeneration, livelihood supports for supplementary and alternate occupations, protection & surveillance measures, and education & awareness.

(c) Does not arise.