

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

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PECULIAR TYPE OF WATER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that proliferation and accumulation of a peculiar type of water plant known as water hyacinth has become an environmental hazard which create obstruction of navigation in the lakes of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any scientific method has been developed for the destruction of these plants; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Water hyacinth is an obnoxious weed which has been proliferating and colonizing water bodies in the country, creating problems to agriculture and obstruction in navigation. These weeds are being controlled through biological and mechanical methods only and there is no specific scientific method developed for controlling them. There has been some reports of attempts to use these weeds for composting, bio-gas generation, paper manufacturing, ornamental purposes etc. which have not been found to be cost effective.