

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

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MOUNT ABU AS ECO SENSITIVE ZONE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Government of Rajasthan to declare Mount Abu as eco-sensitive area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the representatives of Union and State Governments visited/inspected Mount Abu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the visit; and
- (e) the time by which the area is likely to be declared as eco-sensitive area?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government of Rajasthan proposed Mount Abu to be declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone. The representatives of Union and State Governments visited the area in the month of July 2008 and interacted with the stakeholders. The final notification declaring Mount Abu and its surrounding region as Eco-Sensitive Zone has been published in the Gazette of India vide S. O. No. 1545 (E), dated June 26, 2009.