

Disappearance of mangrove forests in Mumbai

†2046. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of disappearance of mangrove forests from Mumbai;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and whether builders are raising buildings in the wetland areas of coastal Mumbai after levelling the land which is damaging the environment;

(c) whether Government proposes to protect the environment by taking stern action against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) :

(a) It is not true. Mangrove forests have not disappeared from in and around Mumbai.

(b) Sporadic incidences of dumping waste etc. whenever found are dealt with as per the law.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Following the High Court order dt. 06/10/2005, Government of Maharashtra issued a circular dated 21/10/2005 in which destruction and felling of mangrove forest, all type of constructions, use for dumping ground, construction around c50 mtrs of mangroves, permission for development projects are prohibited and any violation shall be dealt with as per law.

Study on Climate Change

2047. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR :

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has communicated to the State Government of Gujarat for submission of proposals for study on probable impact of un-predictable climatic change :

(b) whether any proposal had been received from the State Government of Gujarat in this regard; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.