

(b) and (c) The Ministry has not received any references from the World Heritage Committee regarding any observation of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) about categorization of Natural Heritage Sites in India as good or critical. Also, the World Heritage Committee has no provision for listing of World Heritage Sites as such. However, the World Heritage Committee does list sites as 'World Heritage in Danger'. No Natural Heritage Sites in India is currently listed in this list.

Benches of National Green Tribunal

2050. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the places where benches of National Green Tribunal (NGT) are to be set up; and the names of the places where the branches of NGT are functional;

(b) the reasons for delay in setting up of NGT benches at the identified places; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to make functional all the benches of NGT especially in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (c) All benches of NGT are functional. Principal bench of NGT is at Delhi. Others are at Pune, Bhopal, Chennai and Kolkata. There is no proposal to set up any more bench of NGT.

Illegal cultivation on forest lands

2051. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the illegal cultivation due to encroachment on forest lands in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any complaints regarding illegal cultivation of forest lands;

(c) if so, the details of such complaints during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check this trend in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (c) Management and protection of forest area is primarily the responsibility of concerned