

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021

Black rosewood forests in Uttar Pradesh

2926. SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*) found in South India, especially in Karnataka, is considered very good for wood carvings and has a huge demand abroad and the black rosewood forests found in the plains of Uttar Pradesh have depleted now;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to develop the black rosewood forests in Uttar Pradesh so that the same can be restored; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*) is found naturally in South India, including Karnataka, sub Himalayan tracts of eastern Uttar Pradesh, Central and Western India. It is considered good for carving. No study has been conducted so far regarding depletion of rosewood forests in Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) & (c) There is no specific scheme for development of black rosewood forests in Uttar Pradesh. However, it is one of the species in tree plantation and agro forestry systems across the country, including Uttar Pradesh, depending upon site-suitability and choice of the tree planting agencies.
