

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4042
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.04.2022

Notification of ESAs in Western Ghats

4042. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

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

the status of progress made towards finalising the notification of Eco-Sensitive Areas (ESA) in the Western Ghats?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

The draft notification demarcating Ecologically Sensitive Areas of Western Ghats has been re-published by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on 3rd October, 2018, based on Kasturirangan Report and is valid up to 30th June, 2022. The suggestions and feedback from the States and other stakeholders are under consideration and the Ministry has been making consistent efforts in consultation with the States towards finalisation of the draft notification taking into consideration the environmental concerns of the region while simultaneously accommodating the recommendations of the State Governments.

Till the finalisation of the notification, the directions issued by the Ministry on 13th November, 2013 and its amendment on 3rd December 2018 in regard to administration of activities in the area proposed, in the draft notification are valid.
