

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

Amendments to Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

2122. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- (a) the parameters under which Government decided the fine value to be ₹ 500 for all categories of trees and timber in light of the proposed 2022 amendment to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 which seeks to decriminalize felling of trees and dragging timber;
- (b) whether Government has a plan for the probable increase in fines in cases of violations and tree felling due to the proposed lighter punishments; and
- (c) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (c) There is no proposal to keep the fine value to be ₹500 in the proposed amendment to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed amendment is intended to make the implementation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 more effective.
