

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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AFFORESTATION BY DEFENCE AND RAILWAY MINISTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the two largest real estate owners of the nation viz. Defence Ministry and Railway Ministry have taken effective steps for the afforestation;
- (b) whether there have been any targets in this regard;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the area covered by them under afforestation in relation to the targets set for the purpose so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific targets for afforestation have been set by the Ministry of Defence. Ministry of Railways fixes annual target for afforestation in terms of the number of trees.

(c) Annual targets fixed by Ministry of Railways (trees to be planted in lakhs) during 1997-2000 are given below:-

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
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(c) Ministry of Railways have brought about 35,000 hectares of railway land under afforestation so far. Data in this regard is not maintained by the Ministry of Defence.