

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3423
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FORESTRY PROJECTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of forestry projects being implemented in Orissa;
- (b) the amount spent on these projects during Eighth Plan;
- (c) the outcome of these projects till-date; and
- (d) the steps taken to bridge the gap between deforestation and afforestation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Centrally Sponsored Forestry Schemes, namely, Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Plantation Scheme, Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme, Non-Timber Forest Products including Conservation and Development of Medicinal Plants Scheme, Modern Forest Fire Control Methods Scheme, Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis Scheme and Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries are being implemented in the State of Orissa.

(b)&(c) The details of the central assistance released to the State of Orissa under the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the VIII Plan & IX Plan as also the achievements made are given at Annexure 'A'.

(d) The steps taken to bridge the gap between afforestation and deforestation are mentioned at Annexure 'B'.

ANNEXURE 'A' IN RESPECT OF PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 3423 FOR 11.12.2000 REGARDING FORESTRY PROJECTS IN ORISSA.

Sl.No. Name of the Scheme Amount released during VIII Plan

(Rs. in lakhs) Achievement during VIII Plan (Area covered in ha.)
Amount released during IX Plan (upto 1999-2000) (Rs. in lakhs)
Achievement during IX Plan (upto 1999-2000) (Area covered in ha.)

1. Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Plantation Scheme 796.32 25904 276.88 10565

2. Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Dev Project Scheme 242.40 3666 231.27 10693

3. Non-Timber Forest Products including Conservation and Development of Medicinal Plants Scheme 654.88 14770 236.96 5350

4. Modern Forest Fire Control Methods Scheme 49.62 Incidences of forest fire in Orissa have been significantly reduced.
43.82 Incidences of forest fire in Orissa have been significantly reduced.

5. Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis Scheme 112.45 During VIII Plan, only Rs.9.46 lakhs has been utilised. The balance amount has been carried forward to the IX Plan

as spilled over works. 76.52
(Unspent balance of VIII Plan
as available with the State
Government) 1799

6. Assistance for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries to 2 National Parks and 17 Sanctuaries. 197.69 Assistance provided to 2 National Parks and 17 Sanctuaries. 248.93

ANNEXURE 'B' IN RESPECT OF PART (A) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 3423 FOR 11.12.2000 REGARDING FORESTRY PROJECTS IN ORISSA

- 1) The ministry has formulated National Forestry Action Programme, a perspective plan for twenty years to increase forest/tree cover to 33% of the land area as mandated in the National Forest Policy, 1988.
- 2) Afforestation programmes are undertaken by State/UT Governments from their own resources as well as with financial assistance from the Government of India.
- 3) Externally aided projects are implemented for development and preservation of forests.
- 4) Guidelines to all State/UT Governments to involve village communities in protection and regeneration of degraded forests have been issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- 5) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted to regulate the diversion of forest lands for non forestry purposes.
- 6) A network of Protected Areas has been established for conservation of biodiversity.
- 7) A Joint Forest Management Cell has been constituted in the Ministry for monitoring and coordinating activities of Joint Forest Management in various States and achievements of its objectives.