

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted any project for development of forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government have cleared the project; and
- (d) the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) The State Government has prepared a comprehensive plan of 20 years as State Forestry Action Programme (SFAP) for sustainable development of forests in the State. During this period, besides developing and strengthening the institutions, State has proposed a programme for regeneration of 2.65 million-hectare natural forests and plantation on 2.28 million-hectare non-forest lands. Total financial requirement for these programmes of 20 years is Rs. 51334.1 million, which is, much more than the current level of financial investments in forestry sector of the State.

(c) Government has accepted the proposals of SFAP and have incorporated in the National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) which has been released by the Ministry on 9th August, 1999.

(d) The Government have organized a conference on International Agencies` Support to NFAP-India on 27th September, 1999 to mobilize the external aid for the projects. Central Government has also written to all States to mobilize funds from all possible sources for the sustainable development of forests.