

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to implement any comprehensive forestry programme for expansion of forest area in the Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the target set during the Eight Five Year Plan and the achievement made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir 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 2.05 million-hectare natural forests and plantation on 4.22 million-hectare non-forest lands. Total financial requirement for these programmes of 20 years is Rs. 57177.2 million. The current level of financial investments in forestry sector of the State is much less than the required in this comprehensive plan.

(c) Target during the Eight Five Year Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the State was 29206 ha and it has been achieved.