

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

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ECO- DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether there is a demand to develop Eco-Development Schemes for development of different sanctuaries as well as protection of human's interests residing in and around the sanctuary areas in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details indicating the steps taken to suggest or develop Eco-Development Schemes for the purpose State-wise: and
- (c) the funds made available for the purpose during the last two years and current year as well, sanctuary-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Eco-development is an integrated component of Central Sector Schemes that are implemented throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh, for insitu conservation of wildlife. The component provides for mitigating the mutual impact of people and wild animals arising out of man-animal interface in and around National Parks and Sanctuaries. Financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for taking up activities under Eco-development based on their proposals and availability of funds. Steps have been taken to constitute Eco-development Committees for planning and execution of Eco-development activities. Details of the funds provided to the States for taking up Eco-development activities, during the last two years and current year upto 25-11-2002, in National Parks and Sanctuaries are given in the enclosed statement.