

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to implement a long term programme for sustainable development of forests;
- (b) if so, the amount of investment proposed to be made on the implementation of long term programme;
- (c) the extent of increase in the forest cover expected on completion of the programme; and
- (d) the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a) to (d) The Government have formulated National Forestry Action Programme-India, a perspective plan for sustainable development of forests in the country for the next 20 years and to achieve the country's forest/tree cover to 33% of the total land area as mandated in the National Forest Policy, 1988. The programme envisages improvement of forest cover density and productivity over 31 million ha. and plantation on non-forest and farm lands over 29 million ha. at an annual rate of afforestation/ regeneration of 3 million ha.. The total investment estimates for operationalisation of the National Forestry Action Programmes for the country has been estimated at Rs. 1339027.8 million.