

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS IN MAHARASHTRA
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

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

- (a) whether the Government have made any study for the development of forests in Maharashtra; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government have prepared National Forestry Action Programme-India (NFAP), a perspective plan for sustainable development of forests in the country for the next 20 years based on the State Forestry Action Plans received from the States and Union Territory including the State of Maharashtra. As per NFAP, the total investment required for rehabilitation of 3.36 million ha. of degraded forests and improvement of forests cover density and its productivity has been estimated as Rs. 84914.2 million.