

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

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AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME  
Nayak Shri Ananta

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

- (a) whether Government has a proposal to undertake afforestation programme around the sea coast in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the quantum of funds earmarked therefor;
- (c) whether mangrove forests will also be created there; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in that direction so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) There is no specific scheme to undertake afforestation in areas around the sea coast in Orissa. However, under the National Afforestation Programme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, afforestation is being carried out on forest and adjoining lands in 32 forest divisions in Orissa, during 10th Five Year Plan. Part of the coastal area in the State falls within the jurisdiction of 3 forest divisions out of the total of 32 divisions. Afforestation activities in the three coastal forest divisions are being implemented with total project cost of Rs. 5.20 crores. Against the total cost, an amount of Rs. 2.23 crores has been released till 31.03.2005.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Environment and Forests has identified 35 mangrove areas in the country for intensive conservation. Of these, seven areas are in the State of Orissa. The Ministry has released an amount of Rs. 95.54 lakhs to the State Government for conservation and management of mangroves during the last three years from 2002-03 to 2004-05.