GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3479 ANSWERED ON:18.04.2005 INTEGRATED AFFORESTATION AND ECO -DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCHEME Sippiparai Shri A. Ravichandran

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

(a) Whether the Government has launched and Integrated Afforestation and Eco- Development Project Scheme for afforestation of coastal areas of the country to form a shelter belt with a view to reduce impact of cyclones;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The total area proposed to be covered under the scheme ;

(d) Whether financial assistance is given to the States under the schme ; and

(e) If so, the total amount allocated/ sanctioned and spent/utilised under the schme so far, State - wise ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the Coastal Shelter Belt Plantation projects have been implemented during 9th Five Year Plan in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Pondicherry, TamilNadu and West Bengal under the Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. During 10th Plan only maintenance cost for the plantations raised during 9th Plan is being provided.

(c) An area of 14,530 ha has been covered under Coastal Shelter Belt Plantations .

(d) IAEPS was a Central Sector Scheme with 100% financial assistance to the States .

(e) Statement indicating the financial allocation, amount released and funds utilised so far is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs) S. No. State Allocation for 9th & 10th Plans Amount Funds released utilised 9th Plan 10th Plan Total

1 Andhra Pradesh 472.44 184.96 0.00 184.96 179.09 2 Gujarat 618.93 415.00 203.93 618.93 514.80 3 Karnataka 55.58 42.65 0 42.65 35.45 4 Keral 408.59 264.85 0 264.85 220.19 5 Orissa 1922.61 607.25 989.51 1596.76 1337.42 6 Pondicherry 90.32 20.12 0 20.12 0 7 Tamil Nadu 412.40 184.55 103.62 288.17 259.74 8 West Bengal 30.02 23.82 0 23.82 16.62 Total 4010.89 1743.20 1297.06 3040.26 2563.31