

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1657

ANSWERED ON:06.03.2006

AFFORESTATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken afforestation activities in the country in the current Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of targets set and achieved so far, State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized so far, State-wise;
- (d) the reasons for non-utilization of allocated funds in time under various projects; and
- (e) the steps taken to achieve the targets of current Plan?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme is being implemented through Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. As on 6.2.2006, 680 FDA projects have been approved in the country at a total cost of Rs.1489.42 Crores for treating an area of 9.04 lakh hectares through 22,878 JFMCs. A sum of Rs.846.21 Crores has already been released till 6.2.2006. The State-wise number of FDA projects approved with project area, total project cost, and funds released thereof are given in the Annexure.

(d) and (e) Funds are utilized by FDAs and JFMCs as per activities identified in the approved project, and contained in the microplan at the village level. Next instalment for the project is released only when satisfactory utilization of the previous release has been achieved. The FDA projects are monitored, inter-alia, for expeditious implementation and utilization of funds, and for timely achievement of targets by the National-level Steering Committee at the Central Government level, and the State-level Coordination Committee at the State-level. Besides, officers of the State Forest Department and the Ministry of Environment and Forests undertake field visits with a view to facilitating efficient implementation of the FDA projects.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1657 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 06.03.2006 REGARDING AFFORESTATION.

(As on 6.2.2006)

S.No.	Name of States/ Union Territory	Project propo- sals	No. of FDA approved	Total Project Area (in Ha.)	Total Project Cost (Rs.in Crores)	Project Amount Released (Rs.in Crores)
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1	Andhra Pradesh	32	47400	82.35	39.98
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13	19476	24.45	11.69
3	Assam	29	26955	36.56	19.07
4	Bihar	7	10150	13.57	6.44
5	Chhattisgarh	31	41814	72.87	49.22
6	Goa	3	1250	2.39	0.64
7	Gujarat	21	30445	60.87	27.14
8	Haryana	16	21055	52.24	37.25
9	Himachal Pradesh	27	32378	52.53	25.64
10	Jammu & Kashmir	31	47839	74.61	21.75
11	Jharkhand	27	38600	55.04	25.93
12	Karnataka	43	57880	110.42	73.74
13	Kerala	3	15840	47.44	10.29
14	Madhya Pradesh	47	75500	110.83	66.59
15	Maharashtra	45	65738	98.62	42.47
16	Manipur	13	18374	26.58	19.21
17	Meghalaya	7	7400	12	7.63

18	Mizoram	19	26770	60.12	45.97
19	Nagaland	16	25528	37.71	30.39
20	Orissa	34	50727	65.17	38.4
21	Punjab	7	6515	14.16	5.6
22	Rajasthan	30	27340	38.19	20.93
23	Sikkim	7	15280	27.72	20.42
24	Tamil Nadu	32	52253	93.23	55.6
25	Tripura	12	19405	25.57	16.31
26	Uttar Pradesh	58	63004	103.88	82.06
27	Uttaranchal	34	37050	51.58	26.54
28	West Bengal	16	22656	38.72	19.31
	Total	680	904622	1489.42	846.21