

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

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ASSISTANCE UNDER IFPS

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

- (a) whether assistance is provided to various States under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS);
- (b) if so, the details of assistance provided during 2006-07, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of work executed by the State Governments under the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the funds provided under the scheme have been diverted by some States;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir, under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS) financial assistance is provided to the State Forest Departments, for protection and management of existing forests.
- (b) The details are given in Annexure.
- (c) to (g) Evaluation of the Scheme was got done by independent agencies. Two studies were awarded. One for the North Eastern region and other for the rest of India. These independent evaluations have recommended that Scheme should continue during XI th Plan. The guidelines for the Scheme provide for monitoring and evaluation by the State Forest Department. In addition officials of the Ministry during visit to States also review the performance and progress of various Schemes including IFPS.