

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the funds spent by the Government on afforestation during the last three years;
- (b) whether afforestation target of 18.60 lakh hectare during 2006-07 has been achieved; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme through a two-tier setup of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. During the last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07), funds amounting to Rs. 773.87 crores were released under the NAP Scheme, including for maintenance of plantations raised during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) & (c) The target for tree planting under the Item 16-B of Twenty Point Programme – 1986: "Area Covered (Under Plantation) - Public and Forest Lands" was fixed as 18.70 lakh hectares during 2006-07, against which the achievement was 16.56 lakh hectares. The State and Union Territory-wise targets and achievements, as per the Progress Report published by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, are given in the annexure. Some States and Union Territories could not achieve the targets for various reasons, including timely availability of funds and seedlings, and lands identified for tree planting.