

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

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PLAN TO INCREASE FOREST LAND IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to increase the forest land in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) As per the State of Forest Report 2005 prepared by Forest Survey of India, the Forest and Tree Cover in Karnataka State is 40,718 square km, which constitutes 21.23% of the geographical area of the State.As per information received from Karnataka Forest Department, it envisages to increase Forest and Tree Cover of the State by implementing Centrally-sponsored schemes and programmes including National Afforestation Programme Scheme, National Bamboo Mission, Conservation and Management of Mangroves, State-sector schemes including Development of Degraded Forest Area, Greening of Urban Areas, Raising Seedlings for Public Distribution for promoting Agroforestry, and Externally-aided projects, including Karnataka Sustainable Forest Management and Bio-diversity Conservation (KSFMBC) project.