

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

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AFFORESTATION PROJECTS WITH EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

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

- (a) the names of States in which afforestation projects are going on with external assistance as on date; and
- (b) the State-wise forest area in square kilometers increased during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) Afforestation projects with external assistance are going on in eleven different states, namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The assessment of forest cover is done on the basis of satellite data biennially. The latest assessment has been done on the basis of satellite data of Nov.–Dec. 2004 / Feb. 2005. The change in the forest cover has been analyzed by comparing forest cover of the latest assessment with that of the preceding assessment (year 2003). The details are at annexure.