

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is running a Social Forestry Programme in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the targets fixed by the Government in this regard are being achieved; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests is not implementing Social Forestry Programme in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the Ministry is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) in the country. 31 Forest Development Agency projects have been approved under NAP in the State of Jammu and Kashmir at a total cost of Rs. 74.61 Crores to treat an area of 47,839 ha. through 1070 Joint Forest Management Committees.

(c) Progress of implementation of NAP has been satisfactory in the State.

(d) Does not arise.