

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that photocopier paper is manufactured by cutting trees which leads to environmental damage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the ecology including to promote eco-friendly paper products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a),(b) & (c) Yes Sir, Timber is one of the major sources for production of pulp for manufacture of paper. However, commercial exploitation of forests is not encouraged in terms of National Forest Policy, 1988. Many initiatives such as agro-forestry, plantation of pulpwood trees on community lands and other categories of lands is encouraged to meet the requirement of pulpwood production. Some of industrial units involved in paper making also have captive plantations for production of pulpwood. Various organizations have been conducting sensitization and awareness programmes for judicious use of paper including recycling of wastepaper thereby saving trees from exploitation for pulpwood production.