## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

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JOINT VENTURES FOR CONSERVATION OF FORESTS
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## Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether joint ventures with the help of State Government are working under Joint Forest Management Scheme for the conservation of forests in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes the joint venture with the local bodies for conservation of forests under this scheme in Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the number of schemes, proposed by the State Government of Maharashtra under this scheme; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a)&(b) The Joint Forest Management (JFM) is a management approach which involves local people into protection, regeneration and management of forests. There is no JFM Scheme as such being run by the Government of India, however, the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is implemented entirely through the Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) which are assemblages of JFM Committees.
- (c) As reported by the Government of Maharashtra, the State Forest Department and the Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) constituted under the Scheme 'Gramasthanchya Sahabhagatoon Van-vyavasthapan' (i.e. management of forests with cooperation of villagers) work together as per the State Government's resolution of 25th April, 2003. The general body of JFMCs consist of all adult and willing members of Gram Sabhas constituted under the Mumbai Panchayati Raj Act, 1959. The Executive Committee of JFMC also has a representative from Village Gram Panchayat.
- (d) The State Government of Maharashtra proposes following Schemes during the year 2009-10 to be implemented through JFM:

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Sl. Name of Scheme Outlay
No. (Rs. in crore)

1. Joint Forest Management 12.06
Scheme (State)

2. Joint Forest Management 3.98
Scheme (District)

3. Soil and Moisture Conservation 8.31
(State JFM
methodology based)

4. Akkalkuwa-Dhadgaon 6.50
(Tribal Sub-plan)-
JFM methodology based)
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Scheme (Tribal Sub Plan) - A new scheme proposed on JFM methodology)

Total 50.85

(f) The question does not arise in view of (d) above.