

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

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CONSERVATION OF FOREST

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

- (a) whether the 13th Finance Commission has suggested that Rs.5000 crores should be given to States for conserving forests;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has decided to implement this suggestion;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the 13th Finance Commission has also suggested for green bonus for development and conservation of forests; and
- (e) if so, the funds allocated for the purpose during the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Thirteenth Finance Commission has recommended the grant of Rs. 5000 crores to the States for conserving forests.
- (b), (c), & (d) The Government has accepted the recommendation. The formula for deciding the State- wise allocation of grant takes into consideration three factors viz. the share of the total forest area in the country falling in a particular State, whether or not the share of forested area in a total area of the State is greater than the national average and the quality of the forest in each State, as measured by density.
- (e) The State-wise funds earmarked during the Current Financial Year (2010-2011) is given in the Annexure.