

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

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

- (a) whether the forests are a source of revenue earning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the revenue earned from the forests during the last one year in the country, State-wise including Orissa?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) As per National Forest Policy, 1988, the principal aim is to ensure environmental stability and maintenance of ecological balance including atmospheric equilibrium which are vital for sustenance of all life forms, human, animal and plant. Hence revenue earning is not the main objective from forests. Being a State matter, data on revenue from forests is not collated by Ministry of Environment & Forests.