

**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 has provided incentives to States whose forest cover is more than national average;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the incentive is likely to be given?

Answer

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

- (a),(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs.5000 crores has been allocated as "Forest Grants" to different States in accordance to the three factors namely
- (i) share of the total forest area in the country falling in any particular State,
 - (ii) share enhanced for those States where the share of forested area in the total area of the State is more than the national average and
 - (iii) the quality of forest in each State. The details of allocation, State-wise, is given in Annexure.
- (d) The allocation as "Forest Grants" has been given for the period of five years from 2010-11 to 2014-2015.