

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:481
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EXTENSION TO MAINTENANCE PERIOD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has sent a proposal seeking approval to extend the maintenance period of the old plantation located in the State under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from five years to seven years and also to release an amount of Rs.787.108 lakh for the purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for its pendency so far; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be cleared and the fund released thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board, Ministry of Environment & Forests, received a letter from the Government of Himachal Pradesh requesting extension of the maintenance period of plantation raised from 1995-96 to 2001-2002 under centrally sponsored scheme from five years to seven years with a projected amount of Rs.787.108 lakhs
- (c) & (d) The request of the Government of Himachal Pradesh could not be considered because as per the guidelines of the scheme the provision for maintenance of plantations is provided for 5 years only.