

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

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FUNDS FOR NATIONAL AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME AND FOREST DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

- (a) the funds earmarked for National Afforestation Programme and Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the time frame followed for releasing the funds for annual work programme during the said period;
- (c) the funds released / to be released during the remaining Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (d) whether the funds to FDAs in the States including Gujarat have been released as per schedule;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (f) the time by which the funds are likely to be released to the States for the purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) The funds earmarked for National Afforestation Programme (NAP) during the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are Rs.392.95 crore, Rs.345.62 crore, Rs.318.17 crore and Rs.303.00 crore respectively. The funds released under NAP during the last three years and funds earmarked during the current year State - wise and year- wise is given in the Annexure.
- (b) Funds are released to projects on receipt of appropriate proposals along with satisfactory utilization of the funds released earlier and other requisite documents like progress report, audit report etc. The release is further subject to availability of fund with National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board during the financial year.
- (c) An amount of Rs.1056.74 crore was released (as on 31.3.2010) out of an allocation of Rs.2000.00 crore for the Scheme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
- (d) The funds were released to the Forest Development Agencies of all the States including Gujarat for annual work programmes of the respective years subject to (b) above.
- (e) & (f) Does not arise.