GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:572 ANSWERED ON:28.07.2010 ENHANCEMENT OF FUNDS Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

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

- (a) whether any State has requested for enhancement of funds for conservation of forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the external assistance received and utilized during the last three years for conservation of forests?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas of the country with peoples participation. The scheme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. During the year 2010-11 proposals have been received from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan and West Bengal with a total cost of Rs.184.16 crores.

(c) The External Funding Agency reimburses the project Agency after utilization. The details of funds disbursed/utilized for the last three years (2007 to 2009) are as under:-

Financial Year Amount (Rs. In crore)
2007 413.93
2008 439.86
2009 399.02