

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:155

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MANGROVE REGENERATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned mangrove regeneration programmes in several parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise in each State; and
- (c) the benefits likely to accrue to the coastal areas of the country from these regeneration programmes?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (b) and (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 155 due for answer on 04.08.2010 regarding 'Mangrove Regeneration' by SHRI NITYANANDA PRADHAN and SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Conservation & Management of Mangroves, 100% central assistance is extended to Coastal States for implementation of their approved Management Action Plans in the identified sites for components such as Survey and Demarcation, Planting, Restoration and Regeneration of Mangroves, Alternate and Supplementary Livelihoods, Protection Measures, and Education & Awareness etc. The details of Central Assistance provided to coastal States for Regeneration & Management of Mangroves during last three years (from 2007-08 to 2009-10) is given in the Annexure.

(c) As per the State of Forest Report 2009, published by Forest Survey of India, the mangrove cover which was 4581 km<sup>2</sup> in 2005, has increased to 4639 km<sup>2</sup> in 2007 i.e. there has been a net increase of 58 km<sup>2</sup> in mangrove cover of the country. The increase in mangrove cover is mainly because of plantations and regeneration measures under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry.

The Mangroves help in preventing coastal erosion and provide bio-shields against the impact of natural hazards like cyclone, tsunami, tidal waves etc. They serve as breeding and nesting places for marine floral and faunal resources which in turn provide employment to the community living around the coastal areas including, through tourism activities.