

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4026

ANSWERED ON:18.08.2010

DECREASING FOREST PRODUCE

Dhurve Jyoti;Pandey Saroj;Punia Shri P.L. ;Singh Kunwar Rewati Raman

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

- (a) whether the production of minor forest produces like chiraunji, lac, gum, tendu leaves, etc. is decreasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether minor forest produces are being auctioned in the naxal affected areas as a result thereof rendering the tribals jobless;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the production of minor forest produce and also give the minimum support price of the forest produce; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT & FOREST (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a).

(c)&(d) NTFPs nationalized by the State Government are auctioned in the state including naxal affected areas by following the prescribed procedures in the respective State and the profit is ploughed back to collectors including tribals in accordance to the norms developed at State levels.

(e)&(f) The Government has taken various measures from time to time to increase the production of MFPs which are as follows:-

- # Capacity building of the primary collectors of MFPs
- # Promotion of non-destructive harvesting at the primary collector level.
- # Encouraging plantation of Minor Forest Produce Species in degraded forest and revenue land.
- # Promoting NTFP plantation including medicinal plants in the State under National Afforestation Programme.
- # Establishing micro enterprises for promotion of collection, processing and marketing of MFPs.

For giving the minimum support price of the Minor Forest Produce there is no policy in this regard presently in Government of India.