

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether crores of rupees have been allocated/released to these JFMCs for the various forest-related schemes to be implemented in tribal areas;
- (c) if so, the details of the schemes implemented so far and likely to be implemented, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of beneficiaries from the above schemes, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) As per the information available with the Ministry there are 1,05,323 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) in the country as on 17.08.2010. The State-wise details of number of JFMCs are given at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is providing funds to the States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'National Afforestation Programme (NAP)' for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country including State of Andhra Pradesh. The scheme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at State level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. As on 31.03.2010, 800 FDA projects have been approved in 28 States in the country to treat an area of 1.69 million hectare (mha) through 42,535 JFMCs since inception of the scheme in 2002. The outlay for 2010-11 is Rs. 303.00 crore for National Afforestation Programme (NAP). In addition, the Ministry also provides assistance to JFMCs under Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Intensification Forest Management Scheme' and has so far released 12.42 crores during 11th Five Year Plan as on 31.03.2010. The State-wise details of released of funds and number of JFMCs under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) are given in Annexure-II.

In addition to the above, State Governments are providing funds to JFMCs under State Plan, Externally Aided Schemes, MGNREGS and schemes of other Ministries of Government of India for forestry works.