

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2375
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CONSERVATION OF MANGROVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for conservation of mangrove forests in the country including the river Godavari covering nearly 75,000 acres mangrove forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified under the scheme, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments including State Government of Maharashtra for protection and conservation of mangrove forests;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government including the funds provided during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to encourage the participation of local communities in preserving mangrove forests; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (Independent Charge) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Conservation and Management of Mangroves in the country. On a nation-wide basis, 38 sites have been identified as appropriate for planting of mangroves and their conservation and management. The State-wise list is given in Annexure-I. As per the State of Forest Report 2009, published by Forest Survey of India, the mangrove cover in the country stands at 4639 km² out of which 353 km² is in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) & (d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Conservation and Management of Mangroves, 100% central assistance is extended to Coastal States/Union Territories, who so request, for implementation of their approved Management Action Plans which comprise components such as Survey and Demarcation, Afforestation and Restoration of Mangroves, Alternate and Supplementary Livelihoods, Protection Measures, Education and Awareness etc. The details of central assistance provided to Coastal States/Union Territories for conservation & management of mangroves during the last three years and the current year, Year-wise and State-wise are given below:

		(Rs. in Lakhs)			
S.No.	Name of States/UTs	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	10.00
2.	Andhra Pradesh	34.46	-	-	-
3.	Goa	5.19	14.9468	-	-
4.	Gujarat	226.25	177.6176	241.794	295.04
5.	Karnataka	-	54.933	10.90	-
6.	Kerala	14.76	10.25	-	-
7.	Orissa	65.70	85.664	83.406	30.25
8.	Tamil Nadu	46.81	194.1228	168.10289	146.0825

9. West Bengal 149.00 213.906 120.79711 -

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No proposal(s) have been received from Government of Maharashtra either during the current financial year or during the last three years.

(e) & (f) The annual Management Action Plans for Conservation & Management of Mangroves are drawn up and implemented by the concerned State Forest Departments who in turn duly involve local communities in the process.