

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

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

- (a) whether any social afforestation projects have been launched in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the financial assistance provided and achievements made thereunder during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) whether the World Bank has also provided any assistance for the purpose;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has formulated any action plan in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests does not have any specific scheme as social afforestation projects. However, the Ministry is implementing National Afforestation Programme Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through people's participation in the country. The scheme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of State Forest Development Agency at State level, Forest Development Agency at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees at village level. The State-wise details of funds released and the area supported under the NAP Scheme during last three years from 2007-08 to 2009-10 are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e) The World Bank has provided financial assistance of Rs 653.97 crore in the Andhra Pradesh Community Forests Management Project during 2002-03 to 2009-10.

(f) and (g) Under the National Action Plan for Climate Change the National Mission for Green India has been mooted as one of the eight missions in which the social forestry has also been proposed. The draft Green Indian Mission has been prepared and uploaded on the Ministry's website for consultations from all the stakeholders. Seven regional consultations were also held in Guwahati, Pune, Dehradun, Visakhapatnam, Bhopal, Jaipur and Mysore during June and July, 2010 with different stakeholders including NGOs, civil society organizations, Government officials, experts, researchers and other concerned citizens. Based on the feedback received, the Mission document is under formulation.