

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

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JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT

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

- (a) whether a large number of local people have been included in the Joint Forest Management for the conservation and management of forests on care and share basis;
- (b) if so, the number of the local people included in it as on date, State-wise;
- (c) the percentage of the local people included in the joint management and the State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the efforts made to increase the number of local people in above management?

Answer

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

(a)to (d) The records available in the Ministry of Environment and Forests reveal that more than 237 lakh local people are members of 1,06,482 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) in the country. The state-wise detail of members of the JFMCs is given in annexure. The entire adult population of the village are members of the JFM committees and hence all of them are local people only.