

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

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FOREST DEVELOPMENT AREA PROJECTS OF GUJARAT

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received Forest Development Agency (FDA) projects from the State Government of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details of projects cleared and fund released during the last two years and the current year;
- (c) the number of projects still pending alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which these pending projects are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir, The State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) of Gujarat has submitted a consolidated proposal of Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) for regeneration of degraded forests under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for 2010-11 as per the Revised Operational Guidelines.

(b) 25 FDA project proposals of Gujarat State were approved under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) till 2009-10. The Ministry has released an amount of Rs.25.75 crore and Rs.24.44 crore during 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively. During the current year, the consolidated proposal of State Forest Development Agency has been sanctioned for Rs 26.82 crores and first installment of Rs.13.41 crores has been released.

(c) No FDA project of Gujarat State is pending in the Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.