

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch afforestation programme in various parts of the country by actively involving the rural poor and tribals in the programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the response of the tribals in this regard; and
- (d) the funds earmarked for this programme?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c) and (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing a National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country with peoples participation including involvement of rural poor and tribals living in and around the forest areas. 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. The state wise details of the FDAs, JFM committees and the area covered as on 31-3-2010 is given in the annexure. The tribals are actively participating in the program. The fund earmarked for this scheme during the Current Financial Year (2010-11) is Rs.303.00 crores.