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POOLING OF RESOURCES FOR NTFPS

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

- (a) whether promotion of local livelihoods based on Non- Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) is key to sustainable forest development in large parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether such promotion requires an integrated plan and pooling of resources available in various Ministries of the Government;
- (c) if so, the details of the initiatives made by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the response of other Ministries of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the number of such Inter - Ministerial Integrated Plans formulated by the Government for promotion of NTFP - based livelihoods?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SH. JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The State Governments undertake the planning required for promotion of local livelihoods based on NTFPs as the subject of Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) is in their domain. Based upon the nature of NTFPs and the other local factors prevalent in that state, different states need to formulate their integrated plans for promotion of NTFP based livelihood. In the recent initiative, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has issued an advisory to some State Governments for providing an enabling policy environment by declaring Minimum Support Price (MSP) for NTFPs/MFPs, so that the tribals and other communities get remunerative price for NTFPs collected by them.