

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

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SCHEME ON AFFORESTATION

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

- (a) whether the Auditor General has passed strictures on irregularities in schemes relating to afforestation, bio-diversity and conservation of rivers under Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the projects under which the targets could not be achieved;
- (c) the total amount of funds allocated to National Afforestation and Eco development and the departments related thereto for the above project during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the total number of voluntary organisations which have undertaken plantation work under the above scheme and the State-wise details of amount expended thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The Controller and Auditor General Report No. 17 of 2010-11 has observed certain inadequacies and made recommendations regarding the schemes relating to afforestation, bio-diversity and conservation of rivers. The name of the project and recommendations are given in Annexure I.
- (c) Total funds allocated for the projects is given below;

S.No. Name of the Scheme/ programme Funds Allocated(Rs in crores)

2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

1. Grants-in-Aid for Greening India Scheme 11.70 4.20 1.78 1.00

2. National Afforestation Programme in Goa Nil Nil Nil Nil

3. Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), West Bengal 7.36 1.60 Nil 1.77

- (d) The total number of voluntary organizations which have undertaken plantation work since 2003-04 under the Grants-in-Aid for Greening India scheme is 560. The state-wise detail of amount released is given in the Annexure II.