

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

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FUNDS FOR SOCIAL FORESTRY  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has any social forestry programme in the country including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds released/utilised for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any agency to monitor the work;
- (e) whether the Government maintains the record of free plantation under the programme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b): The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, in the country including Gujarat. The programme is aimed at regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through a two-tier decentralized set-up of Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level.
- (c): The State-wise funds released under NAP during the last three years are given in the annexure.
- (d): The implementation of the programme is monitored at the national level by National Level Steering Committee and at the State level by State Level Steering Committee.
- (e): The programme does not provide for free plantation.
- (f): Does not rise.