

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

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EXTERNAL AID FOR FORESTRY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank and other foreign financial institutions have provided any financial assistance for conservation of forest areas/ forestry projects for improving the life of communities depending on forests for their livelihood;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any specific plan to utilise the said assistance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the increase in the total forest cover in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the externally aided forestry projects under implementation in various States with assistance from foreign financial institutions is given at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) The utilization of the external assistance is made in accordance with the Loan Agreements and the Memorandum of Understanding.
- (e) The State-wise details of the forest cover change between 2005 & 2007 in India, as per State of Forest Reports of Forest Survey of India (FSI), Ministry of Environment & Forests for 2005 and 2007, is given at Annexure-II.