

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROJECTS BASED ON FOREST PRODUCE

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched non-timber forest produce based projects in Naxal-affected areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the salient features of the said projects; and
- (d) the number of persons in such areas likely to be engaged in each of such projects in various states of the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development has launched six projects in Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) covering around 60 naxal affected districts in the country. The projects to be executed within six months will be in the Public Private Partnership mode and will cover the states like Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c)&(d) The above project will be enhancing availability of Non timber Forest Products (NTFPs) such as Lac, Gum, Medicinal Plants, Tasar, Bamboo, Non-edible oil seeds besides maximizing the return for the tribals engaged in collection of these forest products. The project is part of National Rural Livelihood Mission with focus primarily on livelihood generation, value addition of NTFPs in naxal affected areas apart from employment generation in various activities of such projects. The details of number of beneficiaries trained in Naxal affected States / areas are given in Annexure.