

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

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FUNDS FOR PLANTATION OF TREES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tree plantation programmes has been undertaken by the Government to maintain the ecological balance in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount spent during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment of the work done; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereon State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing a major scheme, National Afforestation Programme (NAP) which is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme for tree plantation and eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country through people's participation. The Scheme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at State level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees at a village level. The details of State-wise release of funds and approved area during last three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12 under the NAP are given in Annexure. Apart from NAP, tree plantation is also being carried out by other Ministries under schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) etc.

(c) and (d) Under NAP, the monitoring and evaluation is undertaken by the States through SFDA & FDAs. Ministry too commissions independent evaluation of the projects through reputed experts and organizations. Monitoring of project sites by Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System is also provided in NAP guidelines. During 2009-10 to 2011-12, an area of over 3 lakh hectare has been targeted for treatment in the country; the state wise details are given in the Annexure.