

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFORESTATION WORK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any drive regarding the afforestation and checking deforestation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to allocate the work like afforestation to the local bodies in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b)(c), (d) and (e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing 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. Apart from NAP, afforestation work 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. The National Afforestation Programme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at State level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division/District level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC) a village level. The decentralized set up allows participation of local bodies both in planning and implementation of afforestation programmes. State wise details of JFMCs involved in the implementation of NAP are given in Annexure.