

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:682  
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2012  
INTENSIFICATION OF FOREST MANAGEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government has provided any arms and ammunition to frontline forestry force under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Intensification of Forest Management';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has provided Rs. 464.28 lakhs under the Central Sponsored Scheme 'Intensification of Forest Management' to 7 States (Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttarakhand, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh) for procurement of arms and ammunition to frontline forest staff in last five years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 on the basis of proposals submitted by the States. The State-Wise details are annexed.

(c) & (d) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.