

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

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STATUS OF AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the National Afforestation programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the allocation of funds and expenditure towards the Programme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the mechanism put in place to monitor and evaluate the Programme; and
- (d) the expected contribution of this programme towards controlling global warming and combating climate change in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas with people participation in the country. The scheme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at the State level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level.
- (b) The State-wise details of funds released under NAP during last three years (2009-10 to 2011-12) and Current Year are given in Annexure.
- (c) The operational guidelines of NAP provides for a multi-level monitoring and evaluation mechanism through State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) and Forest Development Agency (FDA) at state and district level respectively. The State Forest Development Agency commissions independent evaluation of the projects through reputed experts and organizations. Apart from the states, the Ministry also commissions independent evaluations of the NAP Scheme. Monitoring of the project sites by Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System is also provided.
- (d) The eco restoration of degraded forests, afforestation works, soil and moisture conservation and allied activities carried out in this programme inter-alia help in addressing global warming and climate change in the country.