

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

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NATIONAL AFFORESTATION AND ECO DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Afforestation and Eco-development Board has been set up in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Board was contributed by making huge investment in the Environment and Forest area in the States during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the outcomes of eco-development programmes in the country?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Afforestation and Eco- Development Board (NAEB) has been set up in the Ministry of Environment and Forests for promoting afforestation, tree planting, ecological restoration and eco-development activities in the country.

(c), (d) & (e) NAEB is implementing an afforestation scheme namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) since 2000-01 under which a total of 18.88 lakh hectares has been approved so far for treatment with a total investment of Rs.2933.50 crores. The funds released during the last three years and the current year under the scheme is given below:

| S.No. | Year | Amount Released (Rs. in crores) |
|-------|---------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2009-10 | 318.17 |
| 2 | 2010-11 | 309.99 |
| 3 | 2011-12 | 303.00 |
| 4 | 2012-13 | 83.14 |

(till
31.10.2012)