

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:468

ANSWERED ON:29.04.2013

NATIONAL FORESTRY ACTION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) for revival of depleting forest cover in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total funds released to the concerned agencies during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (d) the total funds utilised in the country, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (e) whether the said funds have been released under the 11th Five Year Plan for the said Programme and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a)to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 468 due for answer on 29.04.2013 asked by Shrimati Bhavana Gawali Patil and Adv. Ganeshrao Dudhgaonkar regarding National Forestry Action Programme.

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests formulated a National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) in the year 1999.
- (b) The National Forestry Action Programme is a comprehensive Strategy and Action Plan for 20 years. The main aim of NFAP is to address the issues underlying the major problems of the forestry sector in line with the National Forest Policy, 1988; also to enhance the contribution of forest and tree resources to ecological stability, and people centered developments through qualitative and quantitative improvement in investment on conservation and development of forest resources.
- (c) to (e) The National Forestry Action Programme envisaged taking up programmes to protect existing resources, increase forest productivity, reduce total demands, strengthen policy and institutional framework and expand forest area. The total investment was estimated to be of Rs. 13,39,027.80 million over a period of 20 years.

There is no scheme for financial assistance in the name of NFAP; as such, no funds have been released to the States/ Union Territories under NFAP. However, the financial assistance to the State/UT Governments under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Central Sector Scheme, Finance Commission awards and State Plan allocations include the suggested programmes/activities under the NFAP.