

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

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

- (a) the details of pending Forest Development Projects pertaining to various States including Maharashtra, as on date;
- (b) the State-wise latest status of proposals in this regard; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning these projects?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) 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 Joint Forest Management with people's participation. One consolidated proposal of the State under NAP is submitted by the State Forest Development Agencies (SFDAs), including Maharashtra, to the Ministry every year for financial assistance. These proposals are scrutinized as per prevailing guidelines and funds are released to the SFDAs. At present, no proposal related to NAP is pending with MoEF.