

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:140  
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INTENSIFICATION OF FOREST MANAGEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has provided any arms and ammunition to frontline forestry force under Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Intensification of Forest Management';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests provides financial assistance to States for various activities related to protection and management of forests including procurement of arms and ammunition under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Intensification of Forest Management'. During the last five years i.e. from 2007-08 to 2011-12 a sum of Rs. 464.28 lakhs has been provided to States as per details in annexure.