

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:196

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REGENERATION OF FOREST COVER

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a major programme to regenerate the forest cover of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the forest cover of the country at present, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to involve all stakeholders including the private sector for regeneration of forest cover; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the potential area explored for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) A statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a),(b),(c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.196 by Shri Varun Gandhi and Shri Gajanan D. Babar regarding Regeneration of Forest Cover.

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The recent initiatives of Government are:

(i) Additional Central Assistance for Accelerated Programme of Restoration and Regeneration of Forest Cover, a new State plan scheme introduced in the Union Budget of 2009-10 with an allocation of Rs.500 crore.

(ii) Convergence of government programmes of NREGS and afforestation and related schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

(iii) Strengthening of National Afforestation Programme being implemented for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through the Joint Forest Management (JFM) framework

(iv) Issuance of Guidelines for operationalising the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (State CAMPA).

As per State of Forest Report, 2009 published by the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, the forest cover in the country is 690899 square kilometer. The state-wise details are given in Annexure.

(c) Government encourages participation of all stakeholders including the private sector afforestation activities.

(d) No separate assessment for the potential area for regeneration of forest cover is carried out by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.