

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing a National Afforestation Programme for regeneration of degraded forests in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds released to Forest Department Agencies (FDAs) and utilised by each State/U.T. during the last three years and the recent year, year-wise;
- (d) whether the funds have been released under the programme for Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The National Afforestation Programme (NAP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests through a two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. As on 30-10-2009, 796 FDA projects involving 35628 JFMCs for treating an area of 1.65 m ha. have been approved under the scheme since inception.

(c) to (e) The State-wise details of funds released to the Forest Development Agencies under the scheme during last three years and the current year (up to 30-10-2009) are given in the Annexure. The funds released from 2007-08 to 30-10-2009 constitute the release during Eleventh Five Year Plan.