

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take several measures to promote forest based industries for the benefit of tribals and the people working therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the schemes being launched /proposed to be launched by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government has initiated various steps to promote sustainable forest management of forests, which inter-alia include value addition of Timber and Non- timber Forest Products (NTFPs) through schemes including National Afforestation programme, Integrated development of Wildlife Habitats, Intensification of forest management scheme, etc. to improve the livelihood generation sources for the local communities including tribals by involvement of these communities.