

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

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FUNDS TO COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is financing community forest management through certain schemes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the target fixed during the last three years, State-wise and the names of areas covered under the said scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The local communities are involved in the forest management through the Joint Forest Management (JFM) wherein the State forest department and the local communities enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly manage the forest area. The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme which is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through people's participation throughout the country. The scheme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at State level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. As on 31/7/2013, about 765 FDAs and 42,500 JFMCs have been involved in 28 States since the inception of the scheme. The State-wise target of approved area during the last three years is given in the annexure.