

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

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TARGETS UNDER AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target under afforestation/plantation programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the targets achieved in the country during the last three years and the current year, state- wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (c) whether the Government provides any financial assistance to States to achieve the target fixed under the said programme ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (Dr. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests fixes annual targets for afforestation/ tree planting under the 20 Point Programme. The state-wise details of targets and achievements during last three years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 and current year 2013-14, up to August, 2013, in the country, including for the state of Chhattisgarh, are given in Annexure-I.

(c) and (d) The Government is providing financial assistance for Afforestation/Tree Planting in the country, under the following schemes/programmes:

(i) Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP), which is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme for tree plantation and eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining area of the country through people's participations. Since inception of NAP in 2000-2002, 2 million hectares have been treated incurring an expenditure of Rs. 3301.35 crores. State wise details of funds released and approved area under NAP are given in Annexure II.

(ii) Tree planting is also taken up under a number of schemes of other Ministries of Government of India such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), National Bamboo Mission, Thirteenth Finance Commission and also under various Plan and Non Plan Schemes of the States.