

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL FORESTRY ACTION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Forestry Action Programme is proving beneficial in increasing the forest cover in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which the forest area has increased during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) At present there is no such programme as National Forestry Action Programme in the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change. However, the Ministry is implementing a 100% centrally sponsored National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme for regeneration of degraded forest areas in the country with people's participation.

The latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) - 2013 has reported a net increase of 5871 sq.km. of forest cover in the country as compared to the previous assessment of ISFR - 2011, which can be attributed to mainly afforestation, soil-moisture-water conservation measures, appropriate forest management, technology interventions, etc. State wise details are given in Annexure.