

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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GREEN COVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme/programme for improving the green cover across the vast coastline of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the steps being taken in this regard; and
- (d) the measures put in place to restore the green cover that had been stripped off the coastline in North Andhra Pradesh in the aftermath of cyclone Hudhud?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) is implementing the 100% centrally sponsored National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme with people's participation for afforestation of degraded forests areas including the eco-restoration of Coastline areas. The State wise details showing the funds released and the approved area for treatment in the last three years and current year under NAP to the Coastline States is given in the Annexure. Afforestation/tree plantation activities are also taken up cross sectorally under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes of other Ministries and also under different State Plan/Non plan schemes in these States.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) As per information received from the State Forest Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, an action plan of about Rs. 474 crores has been prepared to restore the areas affected by Hudhud cyclone.