

Forestry Development in Bihar

971. SHRI RAJO SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Bihar for forestry development during the last three years, project-wise;

(b) whether the utilization of those funds have been found to be satisfactory;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) Details of the Central Assistance (CA) provided, scheme/project-wise, to Government of Bihar under the centrally sponsored afforestation and related schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the last three years, and their utilisation, are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Scheme/Project	CA Released (includes revalidated amounts) (1995-96 to 1997-98)	CA Utilised (1996-97 to 1998-99)
1. Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project Scheme (IAEPS): Projects in:		
(i) Palamau district	22.00	} Progress Report Awaited.
(ii) Hazaribagh district	7.35	
(iii) Ajoy watershed, Deogarh	28.94	28.94
(iv) Giridih watershed, Giridih	18.69	18.69
(v) Subarnrekha watershed, Ranchi	21.72	21.72
2. Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project Scheme Project in Bihar	345.36	239.95
3. Tree and Pasture Seed Development Scheme	3.50	2.02
4. Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants Scheme Project	14.00	Reconciliation of Progress Report Awaited
5. Association of Scheduled Tribe and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on usufruct sharing basis	117.15	97.36
6. Modern Forest Fire Control Methods Scheme	6.07	6.07

The utilization is, by and large, satisfactory.