

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

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FUNDS TO FOREST DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided funds for seven forest development agencies, as part of the joint forest management programme, for improvement of forest cover in Assam and revival of the Manas National Park;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds demanded and provided for the purpose; and
- (c) the details of the other forest development demands made by the State Government pending with the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) Funds have been provided to thirteen Forest Development Agencies in the current financial year under the National Afforestation Programme for improvement of forest cover in Assam and for Manas Tiger Reserve in Manas National Park under the Centrally Sponsored Project Tiger Scheme.

(b) For the thirteen Forest Development Agencies, an amount of Rs. 4.81 crore has been released during 2003-04 till date and under the Project Tiger Scheme, an amount of Rs. 0.50 crore has been released during 2003-04 till date.

(c) The relevant details are as follows:-

Sl.No. Name of the Scheme Number of proposals

1. National Afforestation Programme 15
2. Integrated Forest Protection 1
3. National Parks & Sanctuaries 2