

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL AFFORESTATION AND ECO DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board was constituted alongwiththe details of its aims and objectives;
- (b) whether its aims and objectives have since been achieved;
- (c) if so, the extend thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve those targets?

Answer

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

- (a) The National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board was constituted on 28.8.1992 in the Ministry of Environment and Forests with the objective of promoting afforestation, tree planting, ecological restoration and eco-development activities in the country.
- (b) and (c) Since its inception, schemes for an area of 1.3 million ha. (approximately) degraded forestshas been brought under forest plantations through Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS), Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project (AOFFP) and Non-TimberForest Produce including medicinal plants (NTFP).
- (d) Since its 9th Plan, people`s participation has been given a special thrust in all afforestation programmes implemented by NAEB. In order to provide further fillip to people`s participation in joint forest management, the major afforestation programmes have been restructured for convergence under theNational Afforestation Scheme (NAS) will be implemented through Forest Development Agency to be set up at Forest Division level in the country.