

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS IN M.P  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the area under forests in Madhya Pradesh and the percentage it constitute of the total area of the State;
- (b) the percentage of the area which should be covered with forest is considered necessary for any State;
- (c) the amount spent on the development of forests in the State during last five years, year-wise and
- (d) the amount provided by the State Government, Union Government and foreign agencies out of total alongwith year-wise details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS ( SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

- (a) Forest area and forest cover in Madhya Pradesh is 154,497 and 131,830 Square Kilometers, which is 34.84 and 29.72 percent of the total geographical area of the State, respectively.
- (b) As per National Forest Policy, one-third of the geographical area of the country should be under forest/tree cover.
- (c) & (d) Information is as under:

Rs.in Lakhs

No Year Amount Expenditure against amount provided  
Provided

	State India	Govt.of Agencies India	Foreign of	State Govt. of	Foreign Agencies		
1.	1995-96	4016	1848	1650	4450	1299	1445
2.	1996-97	5419	2497	6000	4286	2422	3137
3.	1997-98	8969	1994	5926	9390	1269	4686
4.	1998-99	4910	2938	7095	4692	2242	7605
5.	1999-2000	4919	3830	7732	4216	3064	8226