

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS IN MAHARASHTRA AND U.P.

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have submitted any project proposals to the Union Government for the development of forest in the their States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to approve the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) & (c): Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) through decentralised mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs). Till date, Ministry has received 45 projects from Maharashtra and 65 projects from Uttar Pradesh under National Afforestation Programme Scheme. Out of 45 projects submitted by Government of Maharashtra, 42 projects have been approved so far to treat a total area of 63,413 ha through 1398 JFMCs at a total cost of Rs.94.54 crore. Out of the 65 projects submitted by Government of Uttar Pradesh, 56 projects have been approved so far to treat a total area of 61,987 ha through 1892 JFMCs at a total cost of Rs.102.16 crore. Remaining projects will be approved subject to availability of funds.