

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3738

ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004

PLANTATION OF SAPLINGS THROUGH FARM AND SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAMMES

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

- (a) whether as per the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) the present average soil loss is over 16 tonnes per hectare per year which is at least three and five times the normal;
- (b) if so, whether forest cover plays a critical role in maintaining the soil and water base for food production in arid and semi arid land;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has identified poor tribals with wastelands to organise themselves into self supporting forest user group to grow high quality timber;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the poor tribals to plant saplings through farm and social forestry programmes to generate substantial employment; and
- (f) the financial assistance provided to tribals for the purpose during the last three years and current year so far under the centrally sponsored schemes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not undertaken any such exercise.

(e) The Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provide for activities related to socio-economic development of tribals in all States/ Union Territories. Although the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has no specific scheme for the farm and social forestry programme for tribals, development of horticulture, watersheds, ecology, environment, forests and forest villages and soil and moisture conservation are permissible activities out of the funds released to the States under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP). In addition, the schemes of Ministry of Rural Development also provide for socio-economic development of the people including tribals. Social forestry is one of the illustrative activities under the schemes of Ministry of Rural Development.

(f) The State-wise details of funds provided under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3738 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 23.08.2004 REGARDING PLANTATION OF SAPLINGS THROUGH FARM AND SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAMMES

Funds released under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan by Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Sl.No. State / UT Amount Released (Rs.in lakh)

2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05
(upto
18-08-04)

1 Andhra Pradesh	2732.80	2732.80	2459.52	1229.76
2 Assam	3058.99	3058.99	2753.09	1376.54
3 Bihar	556.56	556.56	500.90	250.45
4 Gujarat	3930.91	3930.91	3743.09	1768.91
5 Himachal Pra.	643.53	643.53	612.79	289.59
6 Jammu & Kashmir	971.94	971.94	925.50	437.38

7 Karnataka 771.33 771.33 694.19 347.10
8 Kerala 273.70 273.70 260.62 123.17
9 Madhya Pradesh 7833.22 7833.22 7458.93 3524.95
10 Maharashtra 3723.83 3723.83 3351.45 1675.72
11 Manipur 761.96 761.96 725.55 342.88
12 Orissa 6495.30 6495.30 6184.94 2922.88
13 Rajasthan 3649.56 3649.56 3284.60 1642.30
14 Sikkim 108.02 108.02 102.86 48.61
15 Tamilnadu 323.32 323.32 290.99 145.49
16 Tripura 1041.03 1041.03 991.29 468.47
17 Uttar Pradesh 32.10 32.10 30.57 14.44
18 West Bengal 2202.57 2202.57 1982.31 991.15
19 Jharkhand 5870.24 5870.24 5283.22 2641.61
20 Chhattisgarh 4626.18 4626.18 4405.12 2081.78
21 Uttaranchal 92.91 92.91 88.47 41.81
22 A & N Island 230.85 200.85 0.00 0.00
23 Daman & Diu 99.15 99.15 0.00 0.00

Total : 50030.00 50000.00 46130.00 22364.99