

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

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

- (a) the total area covered by social forestry scheme so far in the State of Madhya Pradesh and the total expenses incurred thereon so far;
- (b) the percentage of trees planted and still surviving;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any initiative to ensure better survival of trees; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme is being implemented through Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. 47 FDA projects have been approved in Madhya Pradesh State to treat a total project area of 75,500 hectares at a total cost of Rs. 110.83 crores, and an amount of Rs. 66.59 crores has been released till 6.2.2006.

(b), (c) and (d) As per First Concurrent Evaluation of 5 FDA projects of Madhya Pradesh by independent evaluators commissioned by the Ministry during 2004-05, the survival percentage of planted seedlings varied between 72 and 85 percent. The evaluation reports are shared with the State Forest Department for appropriate follow-up action by the FDAs. Follow-up action, inter-alia, includes measures for improving the overall quality of project implementation focusing among other things on better survival and improved productivity. In addition, regional interactive workshops are also organized to facilitate interaction between evaluators, State Forest Departments and FDAs to expedite the follow-up action on the evaluation reports.