

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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APPROVAL TO FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Forest Development Projects (FDP) sanctioned by the Union Government as on date;
- (b) the number out of that submitted/sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the number of projects from Madhya Pradesh still pending as on date; and
- (d) the time by which they are likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme, which is mainly aimed at development of forests. The scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralized institutional setup of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. 715 FDA projects at a total cost of Rs.1521.10 Crores have been approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests upto 31.10.2006.

(b), (c) and (d) Out of 51 FDA project proposals received from State of Madhya Pradesh, 49 FDA projects have been approved at a total cost of Rs.112.48 Crores to treat an area of 76,520 hectares through 1,518 JFMCs. The pending proposals will be approved subject to their suitability according to NAP Guidelines, and the availability of funds.