

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ECO- DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various States including Gujarat regarding eco-restoration of degraded forests through Joint Forest Management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;
- (c) the progress made so far in respect of each of the proposal; and
- (d) the fund allocation made for the same?

Answer

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

(a) National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests has received a total of 729 proposals under its scheme - National Afforestation Programme (NAP). In accordance with guidelines of NAP, the proposals are to be implemented through the decentralized two-tier mechanism of Forest Development Agencies at district and Joint Forest Management Committees at village levels.

(b),(c)&(d) State-wise details of the proposals received, sanctioned and amount released thereof are enclosed in the Annexure. Out of the proposals received, 650 proposals have already been approved by National Afforestation and Eco-development Board. An amount of Rs. 799.21 crores has been released in respect of the approved projects.