

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:96  
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2007  
RESEARCH ON FOREST/ ENVIRONMENT/ WILDLIFE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any funds were provided to carry out research on environment, forests and wildlife;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;
- (c) the details of the topics of such researches;
- (d) the details of researches out of the above that have been completed during the said period alongwith the amount spent thereon; and
- (e) the details of those completed research works which have since been put to use as on date?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 96 DUE FOR REPLY ON 05.03.2007 REGARDING "RESEARCH ON FOREST/ENVIRONMENT/ WILDLIFE".

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has been supporting research projects in multidisciplinary aspects of Environmental research at diverse research institutions in several disciplines concerned with environmental protection such as forest conservation, wildlife protection, biodiversity inventories, R&D in environmental management technologies, climate change, health impact of environmental degradation etc. since its inception. The funds provided to environmental research projects are aimed to generate information for utilization in developing strategies and methodologies and to build capacities in terms of scientific manpower & infrastructure for better environmental management. The details of the funds provided to the research projects during the last three years i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is at Annexure I. Out of these, 92 projects have been completed during the last three years. The list of these projects alongwith the amount spent on each project is at Annexure-II. The outcome/information generated in the projects funded by the Ministry is disseminated through one or more channels such as website of the Ministry, Enviro news etc. besides professional journals/books for use by the user agencies. The research findings not only help in formulation of action plans/strategies/methodologies etc. for environmental conservation and management by potential user agencies but also provide inputs for policy planning.