

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

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PLANTATION OF TREES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the States where National Afforestation Programmes has been launched;
- (b) the number of trees planted under the said programme during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated to the States for the implementation of the said programmes during the above period; and
- (d) the time by which the Government will achieve the target of plantation on one third area of the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is being implemented in 28 States of the country.
- (b) and (c) The NAP Scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralized set-up of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC) at the village level. Seven different types of plantation models, with different plant densities, have been prescribed under the NAP Guidelines. The actual number of trees planted under NAP varies according to the plantation model and the local site conditions. The Ministry does not keep the record of number of trees planted, but approves the area to be covered under each FDA project. During the last three years and the current year (upto 28.04.2006) 431 FDA projects covering a project area of 4.46 lakhs hectare have been approved by the Ministry. An amount of Rs. 699.98 crores has been released during the period under the scheme.
- (d) Planning Commission has fixed a monitorable target of 33% of forest and tree cover in the country by the year 2012.