

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

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FUNDS FOR FOREST DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes launched and annual allocations made by the Government, for development of forests in various States, during the last three years;
- (b) the number of proposals pending with the Government for development of forests in the country; and
- (c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c) National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is the major scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and forests for development of forests. The 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.

During the last three years (2003-04 to 2005- 06), 431 FDA projects have been approved, and an amount of Rs. 689.56 crores released thereof. The State-wise number of FDA projects approved, the funds released to the FDAs during the last three years (2003-04 to 2005-06) and the pending FDA project proposals as on 31.3.2006 are given in the Annexure. The pending proposals will be approved subject to their suitability according to NAP Guidelines, and the availability of funds.