

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

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NATIONAL AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the National Afforestation Programme implemented in the State of Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of Forest Development Agencies projects approved for Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise and the allocation made for the same; and
- (c) the exact increase in forest cover in the State in view of the above efforts during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme(NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country through a two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level in the country,including State of Karnataka. As on 30-10-2009, 45 FDA projects in Karnataka involving 1560 JFMCs have been approved under the scheme since inception. An amount of Rs.70.02 crores has been released during last three years (2006-07 to 2008-09). Year wise funds released are as under:-

S.N. Year Amount Released(Rs. in crore)

1. 2006-07 23.54

2. 2007-08 31.02

3. 2008-09 15.46

Total 70.02

(c) No study has been undertaken by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to assess the exact increase in forest cover in the State of Karnataka in view of the above efforts during the last three years.