

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

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CHECK ON ENCROACHMENT ON FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to resurvey and demarked the boundary of the reserved forests and national parks situated in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) Forest being a concurrent subject, protection and management of forests is primarily the responsibility of respective States/UT Governments. To supplement the efforts of the States/UTs Governments, the Central Government is providing financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Intensification of Forest Management under which funds are provided for various activities including survey and demarcation of forest areas. Financial assistance is also provided to the States/UT Governments under other Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats and Project Elephant for various activities including demarcation of boundary of the Protected Areas. Details of funds released under these Schemes in the last 3 years and current year are annexed.