

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ANSWERED ON
COFFEE PLANTATION IN DEGRADED FORESTS .

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Will the Minister of COAL AND ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of the funds released, so far, to Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation (APFDC) for raising coffee plantation in degraded forest lands in Eastern Ghats of Visakhapatnam and East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh and the works done there so far, year-wise separately;
- (b) the number of people provided jobs in these plantations; and
- (c) the area brought under coffee cultivation so far along with the additional area proposed to be brought under coffee plantation during this year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT & FOREST

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a)The Coffee plantation has been raised over 1,482 ha. upto the year 1978 by the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department which, in turn, were handed over to AP Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (APFDC) for their further maintenance. The Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation has also raised plantations over an extent of 2,528 ha between 1979 to 1984. These plantations have been raised by the APFDC with the internal resources of the Corporation and the subsidy amounts received from the Coffee Board. Thus the total area under cultivation of coffee under control of APFDC is 4,010 ha. The year wise subsidies received from the Coffee Board are as follows:

Year	Area in Ha.	Amount of subsidy received from the Coffee Board (Rs. in lakhs)
1979	212.40	1.89
1980	433.75	1.78
1981	509.84	2.61
1982	1018.33	12.36
1983	271.85	16.28
1984	81.75	6.58
1985	0	15.77
1986, 1987	0	4.94
Total	2527.92	62.21

(b)The Corporation is employing local tribals and other local workers for executing the works of maintenance in the Coffee estates. Sri Lanka repatriates who have been rehabilitated in this project by the Government of India are also being engaged in the plantation works, whose details are as under:

Sri Lanka repatriates	Local tribals	Other workers	Total
293	3200	365	3859

The APFDC is generating about 6.00 lakh mandays of employment in the Coffee Plantation every year.

(c)An area of 4,010 ha of Coffee plantations have been raised in the project upto 1984. Since the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has come into effect, no fresh plantations have been raised in the notified forest area by APFDC as raising of new commercial crops like tea, coffee, spices, rubber etc., is a non forest activity and prohibited under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.