

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**ECO SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT SCHEME .**

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

- (a) the details of eco-system development scheme running with the involvement of private people;
- (b) the number of projected schemes implemented in the country, especially in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the obstacles/reasons for non-implementation of the above said scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a), (b)&(c) There is no specific eco-system development scheme in the Ministry of Environment and Forests running with the involvement of private people. However, the Ministry is implementing the National Afforestation Programme aimed at regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas, through a two tier institutional set-up of Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) at the district level and Joint Forest Management Committees at the village level. There are 795 FDA projects in the country including 47 in the State of Maharashtra.