

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 31
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2015

Forest Conservation

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has championed the concept of forest conservation as one of the most effective means of climate change mitigation at the UNFCCC;
- (b) if so, the domestic and international finances mobilised by the Government for forest conservation in the last three years and the current year, funding source-wise; and
- (c) the scale of both domestic and international additional funds the Government plans to mobilise in the next five years for forest conservation, year/ funding source-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) India has been supportive of forest conservation and sustainable management at various international fora, including United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- (b) and (c) The Ministry provides Grants-in-aid to the Governments of States and Union Territories for growth, protection and preservation of forests under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS). The National Afforestation Programme (NAP) aims at regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through people's participation in the country. The aim of IFMS is to supplement the efforts of the States and Union Territories towards protection and management of forests. Funds under the scheme are utilized for patrolling of the forests, establishment of camps, building, watch towers for detection and monitoring of forest fires, creation and maintenance of fire lines, survey and demarcation of forest areas and strengthening forest infrastructure etc. The details of fund released under both these schemes are given in Annexure I and II. The allocation during current financial year for NAP is Rs 100 crores and for IFMS is Rs 49.50crores.

The National Mission for Green India (GIM) is one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). It aims at protecting; restoring and enhancing India's diminishing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures. Components of Green India Mission are include enhancing quality of forest cover and improving ecosystem services, ecosystem restoration and increase in forest cover, enhancing tree cover in urban and peri-urban areas among others. Budget allocation for the current financial year is Rs.64.00 crore.

The government attaches immense importance to the conservation of forests in view of the ecological, environmental and economic benefits that flow from this resource. To strengthen forest financing for Sustainable Forest Management, all sources of funding from public as well as private sources are explored to address drivers of degradation, improving livelihoods and enhancing biodiversity. The government also proactively works with various bilateral and multilateral sources for obtainment of requisite financial support as per the extant norms, rules and policies. The list of the various ongoing JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) assisted projects in several states and one AFD (Agence Française de Développement) project in the state of Assam are placed as Annexure III.

ANNEXURE I

Annexure I to the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 31 TO BE
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Funds released under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) (In Lakh Rupees)

S. No.	State	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Andhra Pradesh	271.11	375	455.68
2	Bihar	340	1284.04	700
3	Chhattisgarh	1333.13	2137.5	2000
4	Goa	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	1429.51	1168.14	1050
6	Haryana	641	1794.13	1100
7	Himachal Pradesh	361.92	261.08	72.53
8	Jammu & Kashmir	337	810.82	359.46
9	Jharkhand	469	901.57	860.3
10	Karnataka	681	925.55	2134.74
11	Kerala	1130.37	698.55	281.58
12	Madhya Pradesh	914.54	2210.21	2100
13	Maharashtra	2887.14	3233.23	3500
14	Orissa	337.93	535.74	1792.16
15	Punjab	76	200	186.95
16	Rajasthan	413.71	281.09	335
17	Tamil Nadu	278.11	320.77	425
18	Telangana	0	0	203.45
19	Uttar Pradesh	1526.75	2014.62	1199.99
20	Uttarakhand	625.3	600.57	250
21	West Bengal	257.21	296.2	78.17
Total (Other States)		14310.73	20048.81	19085.01
North Eastern states		0	0	0
22	Arunachal Pradesh	166	0	15.04
23	Assam	147	299	0
24	Manipur	945.69	1211.77	800.06
25	Meghalaya	909.52	450	361
26	Mizoram	877.89	1194.32	1499.51
27	Nagaland	1087.99	981.99	1099.76
28	Sikkim	541.65	377	600.08
29	Tripura	350.31	1198.76	917.28
Total (NE States)		5026.05	5712.84	5292.73
G. Total		19336.78	25761.65	24377.74

ANNEXURE-II

**Annexure II to the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 31 TO BE
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Funds released under Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (Rs. In Lakhs)

S. No.	States	2012-13 Released	2013-14 Released	2014-15 Released
Other States				
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	38.21	0.00
2	Bihar	0.00	43.32	0.00
3	Chhattisgarh	398.03	253.25	411.96
4	Gujarat	243.10	345.76	349.71
5	Goa	7.51	61.17	0.00
6	Haryana	95.67	153.64	149.56
7	Himachal Pradesh	226.12	364.41	365.90
8	Jammu & Kashmir	209.86	105.24	0.00
9	Jharkhand	212.50	254.88	303.03
10	Karnataka	361.09	324.47	266.54
11	Kerala	150.68	254.76	183.76
12	Madhya Pradesh	886.87	744.16	701.07
13	Maharashtra	269.42	95.96	228.02
14	Orissa	149.79	203.25	220.50
15	Punjab	0.00		0.00
16	Rajasthan	237.27	145.02	205.09
17	Tamil Nadu	141.00		0.00
18	Telangana	-	-	160.73
19	Uttar Pradesh	131.38	138.29	218.36
20	Uttarakhand	342.62	299.33	332.57
21	West Bengal	71.09		115.46
	Total	4134.00	3825.12	4212.26
NE & Sikkim				
1	Assam	0.00		0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00		219.59
3	Manipur	117.51	294.86	0
4	Meghalaya	144.64	244.83	0
5	Mizoram	292.00	284.74	256.27
6	Nagaland	0.00	145.92	225.13
7	Sikkim	35.28	166.5	162.17
8	Tripura	376.90	131.8	243.84
	Total	966.33	1268.65	1107.00
Union Territories				
1	A & N Islands	5.49	13.04	
	Total	5.49	13.04	37.77
	Grand Total	5105.82	5106.81	5357.03

Annexure III**Annexure III to the LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 31 TO BE
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S. No.	Name of the Project	Date of Loan Agreement	State	Cost (Rs. Crores)	Funding Agency
1	Assam Project on Forest and Bio-diversity Conservation.	22, February, 2012	Assam	329.40	AFD Agence Française de Développement
2.	West Bengal Forestry and Biodiversity Conservation Project	29, March, 2012	West Bengal	344.37	JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency
3	Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Project (Phase-II)	16, June, 2011	Rajasthan	884.77	JICA
4	Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project	17, February, 2011	Tamil Nadu	469.62	JICA
5	Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project	31, March, 2010	Sikkim	280.41	JICA
6.	Uttar Pradesh Participatory Forest Management and Poverty Alleviation Project	10, March, 2008	Uttar Pradesh	468.24	JICA
7.	Gujarat Forestry Development Project – Phase II	30, March, 2007	Gujarat	695.27	JICA
8.	Tripura Forest Environmental Improvement and Poverty Alleviation Project	30, March, 2007	Tripura	306.54	JICA
9.	Swan River Integrated Watershed Management Project	31, March, 2006	Himachal Pradesh	140.28	JICA
10.	Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project	31, March, 2006	Orissa	559.71	JICA
11	Tamil Nadu Afforestation project phase-II	31, March, 2005	Tamil Nadu	409.08	JICA

12.	Uttarakhand Forest Management Project	11, April, 2014	Uttarakhand	682.03	JICA
13.	Karnataka Sustainable Forests Management & Bio-diversity Conservation Project.	31, March, 2005	Karnataka	633.70	JICA