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Name of the Officers where Liaison Officers have not been appointed Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Wildlife Regional Office, N. Delhi. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Wildlife Regional Office, Chennai. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Wildlife Regional Office, Kolkata.

Development of Forests in T.N.

2779. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total amount of funds allocated for development of forests in Tamil Nadu, during the last three years, district-wise;
- (b) whether the funds have been fully utilised; and
- (c) whether the State Government has approached for additional grants and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) For the development of forests, the Ministry of Environment and Forests implements three major Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the country including Tamil Nadu. These are:

- (i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS)
- (ii) Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project Scheme (AOFFPS)
- (iii) Non-Timber Forest Produce including medicinal plants Scheme (NTFPS)

While IAEPS is sanctioned on a watershed basis. AOFFP AND NTFP Schemes are sanctioned for the entire State as a whole. The

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funds allocated/released to the State of Tamil Nadu under each scheme and the utilization during the last three years are as follows:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of Scheme	Allocation/Release 1998-99 to 2000-01	Utilisation 1998-99 to 2000-01
IAEPS	102.57	16.25
AOFFPS	277.86	294.63
NTFPS	87.75	57.28
Total	468.18	368.16

(c) No, Sir.

Simlipal National Park

2780. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for development for Simlipal National Park in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) if so, the funds allocated to that State in these years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of amount spent by the State Government in the development of Simlipal and Nandan Kanan National Parks of the State, in those years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) to (c) Government of India, under Project Tiger and Eco