

Approval of draft Regional plan of Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani region

2312. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested for the approval to the draft Regional Plan of Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Government has received the draft Zonal Master Plan for Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Eco-sensitive Region (2002-2022) prepared by the Government of Maharashtra through the High Level Monitoring Committee (HLMC) for Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Eco-sensitive Region constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, alongwith its recommendations/suggestions. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has advised the HLMC to get the Zonal Master Plan revised by incorporating the recommendations/suggestions of the HLMC.

Funding through JFMCs

2313. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currently about Rs. 1,000 crore in funding is routed through the one lakh Joint Forest Management Committees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is examining how to make the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and the Forest Conservation Act, 1970 compliant with the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests involving Joint Forest Management Committees. During the XIth Five Year Plan an