

1	2	3	4	5
Uttarakhand	2	—	8	—
West Bengal	8	17	33	17
Nagaland	—	—	—	1
TOTAL :	159	260	248	152
GRAND TOTAL :	819			

Conservation of environment in tribal areas

†681. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the importance of conservation of environment for human race particularly in tribal areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise, particularly in tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Government is aware of the importance of protecting the environment and appropriate emphasis has been given on the same in the development plans of the country. The vision of the Eleventh Five Year Plan is based on commitment to pursue a development process which is environmentally sustainable. It is based on a strategy that not only preserves and maintains natural resources but also provides equitable access to those who do not have such access at present as a part of the sustainable inclusive strategy. Towards this, the National Environmental Policy 2006 aims at integrating environmental considerations into policymaking in all sectors of the economy. It calls for strengthening the oversight and regulatory framework for environment management so that development decisions do not impinge adversely on sustainability. It also recognizes the role of community (like tribal) participation in conservation of the environment.

(b) Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing various schemes for environmental protection in the country. These schemes incorporate diverse aspects of environmental protection including areas of pollution abatement, conservation of natural resources/ ecosystems, environmental education and awareness, impact assessment and coastal management, conservation of rivers/lakes and forestry and wildlife schemes. A statement detailing progress of outlay/expenditure on these schemes during the Eleventh Plan is given in the Statement (See below).

The activities of the forestry sector with large wage component, especially benefit the tribal. Forests play an important role in tribal economy providing them with economic resources base. The activities of the forestry sector include felling, logging, carting, collection of minor forest produce, afforestation, fire tracing or boundary demarcation etc., benefiting directly the tribals and other weaker sections of the society living in and around the forests.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Scheme-wise approved Plan Outlays/Expenditure — Eleventh Five Year Plan

(Rs crore)

Name of scheme	Eleventh Plan Outlay	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11
		Outlay	Expend	Outlay	Expend	Outlay	Expend	Outlay
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Environmental Monitoring and Governance	216.00	51.20	43.43	40.00	41.21	40.80	38.17	44.50
2. Pollution Abatement	235.00	19.00	19.36	23.00	21.79	32.07	21.17	49.76
3. R&D for Conservation and Development	250.00	53.00	45.52	60.00	59.31	59.21	66.96	80.94
4. Conservation of Natural Resources and Ecosystems	600.00	108.19	90.78	110.00	74.65	75.00	74.64	80.00
5. Environment Information Education and Awareness	245.00	92.26	71.08	95.00	75.10	94.82	72.98	82.33
6. Taj Protection	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
7. International Cooperation Activities	80.00	15.40	16.78	12.00	12.31	19.01	22.53	42.63
8. National Coastal Management Programme	10.00	0.10	0.48	1.37	1.53	15.50	1.53	150.00
9. National River Conservation Plan	2100.00	260.00	257.73	260.00	281.24	532.33	381.73	701.71
10. Grants in aid to Forestry and Wildlife Institutions	450.00	80.00	84.67	90.00	117.33	117.28	141.50	122.50

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11. Capacity building in Forestry sector	110.00	9.70	10.01	20.00	11.30	19.51	21.37	69.00
12. Gregarious Flowering of Muli Bamboos	37.00	27.00	20.78	15.00	14.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
13. Intensification of Forest Management	600.00	71.65	67.78	130.00	75.57	76.00	70.07	65.00
14. Strengthening Forestry Division	100.00	12.16	11.42	15.00	21.17	19.63	19.57	18.27
15. Strengthening of Wildlife Division	150.00	24.00	21.72	25.00	22.03	22.58	22.17	24.35
16 Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats	800.00	62.00	63.64	80.00	79.50	80.00	73.56	70.00
17. Project Tiger	615.00	68.00	65.30	80.00	157.45	243.13	203.82	201.50
18. Project Elephant	81.99	17.00	16.41	20.00	21.38	21.50	21.16	21.50
19. National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board (NAEB)	250.00	36.66	29.12	38.00	19.59	31.00	37.39	29.00
20. National Afforestation Programme (NAP)	2000.00	322.57	392.93	345.62	351.36	345.62	317.58	303.00
21. Panchayat Van Yojana	900.00	0.10	0.00	15.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	20.00
22. Animal Welfare	120.00	21.00	20.79	25.00	24.89	25.00	24.00	24.00
TOTAL:	10000.00	1351.00	1349.73	1500.0	1483.64	1880.00	1631.90	2200.00

Scheme at Sl. No. 6 on Taj Protection is on hold pending independent evaluation

Scheme at Sl. No. 12 on Muli Bamboo has been successfully completed in 2008-09