

**Financial assistance to UP under forestry development**

4714. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh for forestry development during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, project-wise;

(b) whether the funds have been fully utilized by the State Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Under the major centrally sponsored afforestation Schemes of Ministry of Environment and Forests, namely, Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS including Forest Development Agency Projects), Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project Scheme (AOFFP) and Non-Timber Forest Produce Scheme (including medicinal plants) (NTFP), the financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the Scheme	2000-01	2001-02
IAEPS	363.17	470.52
AOFFP	118.22	108.37
NTFP	78.00	17.87

The physical and financial progress report in respect of the projects is furnished by the State on quarterly basis. As per the information received from the UP State Government, the amount has not been utilised fully. As per the extant procedure, the unspent balance available under the respective projects is utilised during the subsequent financial year after due revalidation.