

CHAPTER II-C-1

REVIEW OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE DURING 1996-97

1.0. FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

1.1. FORESTRY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1.2. INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL FOREST ACADEMY (IGNFA):

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Exptd.	Physical Targets	Physical achievements
Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy	130.00	159.81	Training of IFS Probationers.	a) 39 IFS Probationers of 1995-98 underwent Professional Phase of training. b) 44 IFS probationers of 1996-99 underwent Induction Phase of Training. c) On the Job Training of 80 IFS Probationers of 1994-97 posted in different States and UTs was monitored. d) 26 officers promoted to IFS in different States underwent Induction training for two and a half months. e) Infrastructural facilities at the Academy like library, computers, hostels, class-room facilities, etc. were improved.

1.3. STATE FOREST SERVICE AND RANGERS TRAINING COLLEGES

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements.	Reasons for Short fall, if any.
State Forest Service and Rangers Training Colleges.	80.00	78.87			
a) Training of SFS officers in 3 SFS Colleges, one each at Dehradun, Coimbatore and Burnihat.			6 courses	4 courses	Due to inadequate demand from States.
b) Training of Forest Rangers in EFRC, Kurseong. c) Refresher Courses for in-service SFS officers with 35 participants each.			2 courses 12 courses	1 course 12 courses	-do-
d) Courses on Computer application in Forestry for in-service forest officers with 35 participants each.			8 courses	8 courses	
e) Other Forestry related courses.			2 courses	2 courses	

1.4. INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
Indian Institute of Forest Management.	200.00	239.32		
a) Management Development Programmes/Courses and Seminars.			20 courses	21 courses
b) Post Graduate Diploma in Forest Management/MRM.			1 batch each	1 batch each

1.5. INDIAN PLYWOOD INDUSTRIES RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE (IPIRTI), BANGALORE

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
IPIRTI	53.00	79.00	*	*

*There are 19 on-going projects and 12 projects have been completed and reports released.

1.6.0. FORESTRY RESEARCH

1.6.1. INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (ICFRE), DEHRADUN

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education.			Forestry Research and Education.	Various Research & Educational Activities were undertaken by ICFRE through 8 institutes and 3 satellite centres spread all over the country.
1) Research (Plan)				
a) General Component.	2005.00	2075.00		
b) Externally Aided Component	4000.00	2143.43		
2) Education and Training	105.00	45.00		
Total	6110.00	4263.43		

1.7. FOREST SURVEY OF INDIA (FSI), DEHRADUN

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
FSI	172.00	136.42		
a) Forest Inventory (in sq. kms)			25,000	38,503
b) Data processing (in sq. kms.)			25,000	30,515
c) Thematic Mapping (number of sheets)			260	304
d) Vegetation Mapping (number of sheets)			182	182

e) Training (number of persons)		90	130
f) Special Study (number)		4	4

1.8. FOREST CONSERVATION

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual expenditure	Physical Targets (cases)	Achievements (cases)
Strengthening of Forest Divisions.	245.00	256.00		
a) Monitoring of Forest Conservation Project/cases .			850	840
b) Monitoring of Environmental Projects/cases			500	542

1.9. ASSOCIATION OF SCHEDULED TRIBES AND RURAL POOR IN REGENERATION OF DEGRADED FORESTS.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements.	Reasons for shortfall, if any.
Association of Scheduled Tribes ,and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests.	200.00	177.2	10,550 ha.cum.	10,205 ha. cum	State Governments of Orissa'and West Bengal did not utilise their funds.

1.10. WILDLIFE

1.10.1. CENTRAL ZOO AUTHORITY (CZA)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical achievements
CZA	300.00	300.00	*	*

- capsule course for Zoo Directors was organised at Bhubaneswar.
- 2 week training programme for Zoo Keepers was organised at Kanpur.
- 3 Zoo officers were deputed to a 3-week course on "Conservation of Endangered Species conducted at Jersey, Wildlife Preservation Trust, U.K.
- Rs. 220 lakhs was released to zoos. 15 large zoos, 16 medium zoos and 31 small zoo have been evaluated.

1.10.2. WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA (WII)

(Rs. In lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual expdt.	Physical Targets (No. of persons)	Physical Achievement (No. of persons)
WII	3.50	3.50		
a) M.Sc. course in Wildlife Science.			10	11
b) PG Dip. Course in Wildlife			30	19

Management				
c) Certificate Course in Wildlife Management			30	14
d) Field Workshop Short Courses.			60	23

1.10.3. STRENGTHENING OF WILDLIFE DIVISION AND CONSULTANCIES FOR SPECIAL TASKS:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual expdt.	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
Strengthening of Wildlife Division.	100.00	59.00	To meet establishment expenses, office expenditure and domestic travel expenses of Central Wildlife Division and Regional Offices and to provide consultancies for special tasks as and when there is a proposal.	Achieved.

1.10.4. ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA (AWBI)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets/ Achievements.
AWBI	160.00	181.00	

*a) Rs.82.81 lakhs was released to various Animal Welfare organisations for construction of Animal Shelters/sheds/rescue homes, etc.

b) Rs.37.90 lakhs was released for Anti Rabies/Animal Birth Control Programme.

c) Rs.22 lakhs was released for purchase of medical equipment, medicines, etc.

1.10.5. NATIONAL PARKS AND SANCTUARIES

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Activity	BE	A c t u a I Release	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries.	11.50	7.18	To provide assistance for 250 National Parks & Sanctuaries.	Assistance was provided to State Governments/UTs for 225 national parks & Sanctuaries.

1.10.6. PROJECT TIGER (PT)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual expdt.	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements.
Project Tiger	850.00	850.00	To assist 23 Tiger Reserves for habitat improvement, water development work, construction of staff quarters/ buildings, construction of roads, wireless network, etc.	Assistance was given to 23 Tiger Reserves during the year for various activities as per targets.

1.10.7. ECO-DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND PROTECTED AREAS

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Release	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement	Reasons for shortfall, if any
Eco-development around	4.60	3.81	100 National Parks and Sanctuaries and	70 National parks and Sanctuaries and 23	Less number of proposals from the

protected Areas			23 Project Tiger areas to be assisted	Project Tiger areas were provided financial assistance	State Governments received
India : Eco-development	31.17	.42	The PPF phase was to be continued till the project was declared effective by the World Bank	The PPF Phase continued as the project was declared effective by the World Bank from 27/12/96 but the implementation could not be started for want of approval by the Cabinet	

1.10.8. PROJECT ELEPHANT

(Rs. in crores)

Name of Activity	BE	Actual Release	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement	Reasons for shortfall, if any.
Project Elephant.	4.10	4.10	12 range States to be covered.	9 States were provided financial assistance	Large unspent balance with State Governments.

1.11.0. NATIONAL AFFORESTATION & ECO-DEVELOPMENT

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Name of Scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical targets	Physical Achievement
1	Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme	30.00	34.94	56,502 ha.	60,923 ha.
2.	Fuelwood/Fodder Projects Scheme	40.00	36.13	77,169 ha.	73,099 ha.
3.	Non-timber Forests Produce (including Medicinal Plants) scheme	10.75	10.70	23,497 ha.	23,855 ha.
4.	Grants-in-aid scheme (for voluntary agencies)	1.50	1.49	50Projects; to be sanctioned	69 Projects sanctioned
5.	Seed Development Scheme	2.50	1.30	25 States to be assisted	15 states assisted

1.12.0. ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

1.12.1. BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (BSI), CALCUTTA

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets / Achievements
BSI	342.00	310.80	*

* Physical Achievement during the year was as under:

- Exploration Surveys 24
- Collection of Specimens 4000
- Preservation of Specimens 14000
- Coverage of species under threat in the publication of Red-data Book - 15 species.
- Publications 6

1.13.1. ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (ZSI), CALCUTTA

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
ZS1	273.00	269.00	59 surveys (in 4 States, 5 eco-systems and 6 conservation areas)	57 surveys
			Status Surveys of Endangered Species - I survey.	I survey
			Fauna of India publications	2 volumes published, 3 volumes ready for printing.
			Records of ZSI - Volume 95 to be published.	Volume 95 published.
			Computerisation of collected data	550 data computerised
			EIA Studies with regard to fauna.	7 studies made.
			2 programmes on training on extension programme.	2 programmes conducted.

1.14.0. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, AWARENESS & TRAINING

1.14.1. Physical targets and Achievements during the year 1996-97 under various schemes of E.E. Divisions are as under

(Rs. in lakhs)

ITEM	Target	Achievements	BE	Expdt.
I ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND TRAINING			385.00	388.00
(I) Establishment of Eco/ Environmental clubs in schools	1,000	1,556	202 Eco-clubs were established. 3 films were produced. A number of films are in pipe line.	202 Eco-clubs were established. 3 films were produced. A number of films are in pipe line.
(ii) Production of Environmental Education Resource Material	---	---	Advertisements were released	Advertisements were released
(iii) Production of films (completed)	10	4	Education material were produced.	Education material were produced.
(iv) Advertisement of Bus Panels (Stat,~s/TJTs)				
(v) Advertisement through magazine	4	1		
(vi) Newspaper advertisement	2	1		
(vii) Radio Programme	2	0		
2. GRANTS IN AID TO PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES	13	0	10	
3. PARYAVARAN VAHINIS (Selection of districts)	0	0	98	12.15
4. SEMINAR/SYMPOSIA/ WORK-SHOPS			30	17.90

1.15.0. POLICY AND LAW

1. 15. 1. ASSISTANCE FOR ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION

(Rs. in lakhs)

S1. No.	Name of the Activities	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Target	Physical achievements	Reasons for shortfall, if any
1	Comprehensive Legislation to remove overlapping multiplicity in the existing environmental laws.	0.78	0.78	Preparing Draft Bill for Comprehensive legislation.	Indian Law Institute and MEF has jointly organised A workshop on 'Legal Regulation of Hazardous Substances and Processes' and the applicability of Bill for comprehensive legis -lation was also considered.	The Report is still awaited.
2.	Environmental consciousness amongst consumers (Eco-Mark)	10.0	4.22	Draft Criteria for products will be notified and emphasis will be placed on publicising and proposal on Comprehensive Testing Programme & Market Research Study survey on Eco-friendly products.	Criteria for 18 categories of products have been notified finally.	Proposal of Comprehensive Testing Programme and study on Market Research Survey on Eco-friendly products are under active consideration.

1.16. WORLD BANK AIDED INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the activity	B.E.	Actual expenditure
A.Pollution Control Projects, externally aided	3000.00	
i) Procurement of equipment		568.55
ii) Training		4.18
iii) Demonstration Projects		319.00
iv) Technical Assistance Component		74.30
B. Promotion of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs)	300.00	2660.85

1.17. CLEAN TECHNOLOGY

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the activity	BE	Actual Expdt	Physical Target	Physical Achievements	Reasons for shortfall, if any
1. Environmental Impact Assessment	4.39	2.77	Taking up one Carrying Capacity Study and one Life Cycle Assessment Study	Studies initiated Funding of one project	Delay in approval and release of funds.
	0.1	-	Setting up of ICPC	-	Approval for ICPC awaited.
2. Development and promotion of clean technology		0.40	Demonstration project		-

1. 18. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT, CLEAN TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS AND MAPPING

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the activity	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Target	Physical achievements
Environmental Audit	10.00	10.00	Sectorwise training programmes	Training programmes in r/o Thermal Power, Textile, Ferrous and Non-Ferrous , and Pulp and paper were conducted
			Preparation of Directory of Environmental Enterprises.	Directory has been prepared for assisting the Indian companies to choose experts for conducting Environmental Audit.
Clean Technologies by SSIs	10.00	10.00	Preparation of sector specific manuals	Prepared for Sugar, Lube Oil Refining Industry. For tannery, it is in progress.
			Waste Minimisation Demonstration Studies	Textile processing units, Tannery Units, Dye and Dye Intermediates are in progress.
Environmental Statistics and Mapping	10.00	10.00	Training and Awareness Programmes	About 20 training programmes were conducted through DC, SSI.
			Preparation of District Wise Zoning Atlas	Zoning Atlas for Ghaziabad; Panchmahal, Singhbhum and 4 districts in Assam completed.
			Preparation of Environmental Quality Mapping in the industrial locations of Kakinada & Visakhapatnam.	Project reports received.

1.19. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (NMNH), NEW DELHI.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Targets/Achievements	Reasons for shortfall, if any.
NMNH	300.00	291.45	*	Due to non-creation of posts and lack of staff strength at Regional Museums.

* Collection of specimens for RMNH and NNINH was partially achieved.

Development of second gallery at RMNE, Mysore - Planning completed, exhibits partially developed.

Planning of Second gallery at RMNH, Bhopal is in progress.

Training of staff in computer operation for Bio-science computer facility has been partially achieved.

Target of monthly calendar of events every month was achieved.

160 teachers trained at NMNH and 80 teachers at RMNH, Mysore for formal teaching programme.

4 programmes conducted at NMNH, 3 at RMNH, Mysore and 2 at FJVM, Bhopal to give in-situ experience to the student community about nature and various environmental phenomena.

1.20. CIVIL CONSTRUCTION UNIT

(Rs. in crores)

S.No	Item	B.E.	Actual Expdt.	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements	Reasons for shortfall, if any	PE/sanction awaited
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Forestry & Wildlife	1.31	1.30	11	4	4	3
2.	Ecology & Environment	3.70	3.70	27	15	6	6
3.	Environment Education / Training / Extension	1.15	1.16	5	1	4	-
4.	Civil Works	0.95	0.91	-	-	-	-
	Grand Total	7.11	7.07	43	20	14	9

1.21. ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEM(ENVIS)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.	Target/achievements
ENVIS	110.00	123.00	*

- ⇒ Physical targets and achievements
- ⇒ Annual Report as targetted was published.
- ⇒ Two new ENVIS Centres on 'Forestry' and 'Wildlife' were set up at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, and Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun respectively during the year.
- ⇒ E-mail facilities were set up in four Centres for electronic communication among the network partners and the Focal Point.

- ⇒ A Local Area Network (LAN) was set up at the ENVIS Focal Point in the Ministry.
- ⇒ Paryavaran Abstracts' reporting research and environment in Indian context was published during the year.
- ⇒ The ENVIS network responded to 9779 queries and provided substantive information to the users concerned.

1.21.1. CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Centrewise allocation for the Centre of Excellence is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Outlay	Actual expenditure
CEE, Ahmedabad	112.00	112.00
CPREEC, Chennai	52.00	52.00
CNIE, Dhanbad	32.00	22.50
CES, Bangalore	60.00	59.50
SACON	238.00	208.05
Released to the Delhi University		10.00
Total	494.00	464.05

Physical Target and Achievements of the Centres of Excellence

- ⇒ Resource material as targeted were developed by both the Centres, CEE, Ahmedabad and CPREEC, Chennai.
- ⇒ Training in Environmental Education (TEE) was conducted by CEE, Ahmedabad during the year.
- ⇒ Exhibitions, training programmes as targeted by CPREEC, Chennai were organised.
- ⇒ R&D projects in the field of mining environment and Western Ghats ecology were taken up by Centre for Mining Environment, Dhanbad and Centre for Ecological Sciences, Bangalore respectively during the year.
- ⇒ Reasons for shortfall, if any: An amount of Rs. 7 lakhs could not be released to CME, Dhanbad due to non receipt of expenditure statement and UC from the Centre in time.

1.22. NATIONAL NATURAL RESOURCES OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (NNRMS)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expend.	Physical Target and Achievements
NNRMS	100.00	52.41	14 projects as recommended by Bio-resource committee were sanctioned. Monitoring of 22 projects, sanctioned earlier were taken up during the year.

1.23. NATIONAL RIVER CONSERVATION DIRECTORATE

(Rs. in crores)

Name of activity	BE	Actual Expend.	Physical Target	Physical Achievement	Reasons for shortfall, if any
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1. GAP 1 (GANGA ACTION PLAN - PHASE-1)	22.00	12.11	Compl. of remaining 18 schemes	7	Slow progress by State Govt. Fund diversion, Litigation, Site encroachment contractual disputes
2. GAP 11 (GANGA ACTION PLAN - PHASE-11)	70.00	95.43		Works in Progress	
a. YAP					
b. GoAP					
c. DAP					
d. GAP 11 MS e. GAP 11 SC f. CETP				- do -	
3. NRAP	14.00	14.00			
TOTAL	106.00	121.54			

1.24. ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Target and Achievements
ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION	150.00	150.00	Funds released to State Boards, National Institutions, Pollution Control Committees etc. to meet the requirement of projects, studies etc.

1.25. REIMBURSEMENT OF WATER CESS

(Rs in crores)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Target and Achievements
Reimbursement of Water Cess	38.25	46.20	Funds released as reimhursement of Water Cess. No of shortfalls

1.26. CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Target and Achievements
CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD	675.00	674.47	CPCB continued Pollution assessment works in different areas like industries, rivers, ground and coastal waster quality. Identified 17 categories of highly polluting industries and directions issued to defaulting units. Time targetted action plans in respect of enitally polluted areas were monitored through SPCB. Studies relating to siting of industries based on environmental impact assessment in different States. The other important activities covered during 196-97 included: - ecomark - mass awareness programmes - orgainsing training programme; and - compliance to the various Court Orders and directions given to CPCB from time to time.

1.27. ASSISTANCE TO BOTANIC GARDENS

(Rs. In

lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expenditure	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
Assistance to Botanic Gardens.	50.00	56.00	Inviting proposals from existing botanic gardens and providing financial assistance to 10 gardens for infrastructural improvement.	Targets achieved.

1.28. RESEARCH AND ECOLOGICAL REGENERATION.

(Rs. In lakhs)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.
Research & Development Man & Biosphere	365.00	212.0

1.29. HIMALAYAN INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

(Rs in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Targets	Physical achievements.
G.B. Pant Institute	457.00	496.00	27 Research & Development Projects under different core areas to be carried out.	Achieved
			Building at Almora to be completed.	Achieved

1.30. INTEGRATED ACTION ORIENTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN HIMALAYAN REGION

(Rs. in

lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements
Research & Development Projects.	39.00	39.00	a) Release of funds to 30 on-going projects. b) 1 meeting of Project Advisory Committee. c) Sanction of 16 new projects	Achieved Achieved Achieved

1.31. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES MANAGEMENT (HSM)

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.
HSM	5.00	2.00

Physical Target and Achievements

- The Red Book for Crises Management has been revised.
- Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules 1996" has been notified.
- The Central Crisis Group has been notified and the activities related to establishment of Crisis Alert System have been initiated.
- Eight Consultants have been appointed to carry hazard analysis for 10 industrial pockets.
- 19 reports have been reviewed of which 17 have been approved and 2 have been revised and received for reconsideration. Six hazard analysis reports have been received which are to be evaluated.
- Rule on Bio-medical waste is being vetted by the Ministry of Law and Justice
- Notification on banning of arsenic, cyanide and mercury containing wastes would be gazetted shortly.

- Draft notification on banning of wastes containing asbestos, PCB, PCT and PBB and pesticides wastes and outdated pesticides, and beryllium and selenium is being finalised. - Draft notification on banning of open burning of waste oil is being finalised.
- A high level Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr.R.A. Mashelkar, DG, CSIR for characterisation and identification of hazardous wastes.
- Amendment of Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 is being finalised.
- Various research and developmental studies on preparation of software, information on chemicals and studies on pesticides are in progress.
- Two meetings of the Task Force on Plastic Recycling have been organised during this year.
- Financial assistance has been extended to CIF, Tamil Nadu for infrastructure development.
- Six institutions have been funded for conduct of training programmes on chemical accident prevention.
- Two meetings on GEAC were held to discuss the proposals based on recombinant technology.
- An interim report has been received on pesticides contamination in selected avian-fauna in Nilgiris.
- A Japanese Grant of US \$ 910,000 (Rs.3.8 crores) has been received for conducting feasibility studies for formulation of World Bank studies on Industrial Safety, Disaster Prevention and Hazardous Waste Management. Eight feasibility studies are to be conducted for the formulation of the project. Technical and financial evaluation of six studies of Industrial Safety and Disaster Prevention Project have been completed and feasibility studies are to be awarded at a cost of US \$ 684,500.

1.32. BIOSPHERE RESERVES

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Activity	BE	Actual Expdt.	Physical Targets	Physical Achievements	Reasons for shortfall, if any.
Biosphere Reserves.	250.00	233.00	a) Approval of Management Action Plan in respect of 8 Biosphere Reserves	Achieved.	--
			b), Sanction of 4 research projects and review of 32 on-going projects.	Achieved.	--
			c) Designation of 2 new sites as Biosphere Reserves.	Not achieved.	New Biosphere Reserves could not be designated due to non-receipt of consent of concerned State Govts.

1.33. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the scheme	BE	Actual Expdt.
International Cooperation	45.00	31.88

Physical Target and Achievements

a) Global Environment Facility (GEF): Seven projects for GEF funding have approved for India. Some new projects have been formulated and are being considered for possible GEF assistance.

(b) Commission on Sustainable Development: The fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was held in New York over 18th April to 3rd May, 1996.

(c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP): The 19th Session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was held at Nairobi, Kenya from 27th January to 7th February, 1997 The Minister for Environment & Forests led the Indian delegation.

(d) Indo-US Common Agenda for Environment: A Joint statement of Intent was signed in April, 1995 between India and USA for a common Agenda on Environment. The first meeting of the Steering Committee under the Indo-US Common Agenda was held on 17.11.96 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (E&F).

(e) Indo-Brazil Common Agenda for Environment: A Common Agenda for Environment was signed between the Government of India and Brazil in New Delhi on 27th January, 1996 to promote closer and long-term cooperation in the field of environment.

(f) India-Canada Environment Facility (ICEF): India-Canada Environment Facility was on the basis of Memorandum of understanding signed between the Government of India and Canada. So far ICEF has approved five projects for funding.

(g) A Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India and Government of Turkmenistan for cooperation in Environmental Protection and Forestry was signed on 25th February, 1997 during the visit of the President of Turkmenistan to India. A Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India and Government of Vietnam for cooperation in Environment and Forestry was signed on 8th March, 1997 during the visit of the Prime Minister of Vietnam to India.

(h) Other Activities:

ESCAP:- ESCAP organised four seminar/workshop so far.

SAARC:- Three workshop/ meetings held by SAARC.

SACEP:- The First Consultation Meeting of the Regional Inter-governmental Consultation to review the draft of the Global Environmental Outlook (GEO) was held from 23-24 July, 1996 at Katmandu. India participated in the consultation. MEF participated in the Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers, held in Dresden, German from 21-23 March, 1997 for preparation of Special Session of UN General Assembly.

(i) International Training/Seminar/Workshops: Officials from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, State Environment and Forests Department, Central and State Pollution Control Boards, NGOs and autonomous bodies/institutions of Central and State Governments were nominated for the international Trainings Seminars/Workshops, etc.