

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19-03-2018

Action plan to enhance Carbon sequestration

2623. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan of Government for achieving its 2030 objectives of increasing the Carbon sequestration to 3 billion tonnes of Carbon equivalent; and
- (b) whether Government is planning to come up with a new Forest Policy to address new issues with changing times?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) under Paris Agreement submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) pertain to the period 2021-2030.

One of the goals under NDC is to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5-3 Billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030. The strategy for achieving this target is through Afforestation & reforestation activities in forest as well as non-forest areas. At present these activities are taken up under the Green India Mission, National Afforestation Programme, and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC); National Bamboo Mission & Integrated Development of Horticulture of Ministry Agriculture & Farmers Welfare; MGNREGA & Integrated Watershed Management Programme of Ministry of Rural Development; Green Highway Policy of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway and Catchment Area Rehabilitation under Namam Gange Scheme of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. Further, Expert Committees have been constituted by the MoEF&CC to develop strategies for it.

- (b) A new Draft National Forest Policy, 2018 has been prepared by the MoEF&CC after nation-wide consultation with the relevant stakeholders and the same has been placed in public domain for obtaining comments/views of stakeholders.
