

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3423
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

Forest cover in India

3423. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

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

- (a) whether Government has started any programme to increase forest cover in India;
- (b) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) if so, details regarding budget allocation made for this purpose in the recent budget; and
- (d) details regarding achievements of such programmes during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) to (d) To increase the forest cover in the country, afforestation programmes are being taken up under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and Green India Mission (GIM) being implemented by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Afforestation activities are also taken up under various programmes/funding sources such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

National Afforestation Programme (NAP) of the Ministry of Environment & Forests is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for afforestation and eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through people's participation in the country. An amount of Rs. 397.29 crores has been released to the states to treat an area of 112780 hectares during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17). An amount of Rs. 79.99 crore has been released during 2017-18 (upto 28.02.2018) to treat an area of 39847 hectare.

National Mission for a Green India (GIM) is one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change. So far fund amounting to Rs. 157.64 crore has been released under GIM to nine States for carrying out various activities under the mission, during 2015-16 to 2017-18 (as on 20.03.2018).

The budget allocation under GIM for financial year 2017-18 was Rs. 47.80 crore and for financial year 2018-19 is Rs/ 60.00 crore. The State-wise details of area approved for afforestation and corresponding fund released under GIM is given in **Annexure**.

Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3423
due for answer on 26.03.2018 regarding 'forest cover in India'**

State-wise details of area approved for afforestation and corresponding fund released from 2015-16 to 2017-18 under Green India Mission.

(Rs. In lakh)

Sl. No.	States	Financial Year 2015-16				Financial Year 2016-17					
		Physical (hectare)		Financial (in Rs. Lakh)		Physical (hectare)				Financial (in Rs. Lakh)	
		Target	Achievement [^]	Fund Released	Fund Utilized	Target		Achievement [^]		Fund Released	Fund Utilized
		Advance Work	Advance Work			Advance Work	Creation Work	Advance Work	Creation Work		
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-	-	881	-	534	-	105.53	105.53
2	Chhattisgarh	19128	19128	2338.55	2338.55	-	19128	-	19128	2023.017	2023.017
3	Karnataka	760	760	105.53	105.53	-	760	-	760	86.853	86.853
4	Kerala*	4978	-	914.82	-	-	-	2115	-	-	383.118
5	Manipur	8798	8798	834.84	834.84	-	8798	-	8798	782.285	782.285
6	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	19643	-	9869	-	988.35	988.35
7	Odisha	2177.72	2177.72	182.92	182.92	-	2094.4	-	2094.4	138.964	138.964
8	Punjab*	3000	-	611.53	-	-	-	1704	1286**	-	606.11
9	Uttarakhand*	7483	-	2020.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		46324.7	30863.72	7009.09	3461.84	20524	30780.4	14222	32066.4	4125	5114.227

Note: *Fund were revalidated for utilization in FY 2016-17.

** The State of Punjab has also carried out creation activities apart from advance work due to sandy geo- morphology.

[^]Achievements as reported by States.

(Rs. In lakh)

Sl. No.	States	Financial Year 2017-18		
		Physical Targets (hectares)		Fund Released (in Rs. Lakh)
		Advance/Creation Work	Maintenance Work	
1	Chhattisgarh	-	19128	1095.272
2	Odisha	-	2094.4	140.556
3	Manipur	-	8798	641.579
4	Mizoram	9774.6	-	2000.000
5	Karnataka	-	760	85.734
6	Punjab	1732	1286	621.730
7	Andhra Pradesh*	-	-	44.60
Total		11506.6	32066.4	4629.471

Note: * Fund released as second installment of FY 2016-17 to carry out balance work in FY 2016-17.