

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

Afforestation efforts to combat increased air pollution

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

- (a) details of the reasons for a 30 percent shortfall of target by Green India Mission in its afforestation activities in 2020-2021 as per data from the Ministry; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to diversify its actions to combat air pollution including adopting WHO's recommended steps such as greening of health sector, switching to clean energy, improving industry and municipal waste management, among others, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) The allocation of afforestation targets under the Green India Mission (GIM) are subject to the availability of funds. During 2020-21, the targets under GIM were allocated to the States as per the available budget of Rs 160 Crore.
- (b) The Government of India implements several policies/programs and initiatives to combat air pollution like National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna (PMUY), National Solar Mission, Nagar Van Yojna, Green Highway Policy, Smart Cities Mission, Swachh Bharat Mission, National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP), Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for plastic and e-waste management, Shifting of Brick kilns to zig-zag technology, Industrial units shifting to PNG, preparation of city specific action plan for improvement of air quality.
