

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1785
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

Plantation, protection and promotion of trees on waste and barren land

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government for plantation, protection and promotion of trees on the waste and barren land at various locations in the country;
- (b) details of plan of Government for conducting continuous study for the survey, research and development of forest through the Research Institute of the Forest Department, Forest Corporation, Indian Forest Survey, etc.; and
- (c) State-wise details of the steps taken by Government to ensure the participation of the local people in the conservation and upkeep of the forests and to meet their needs and aspirations associated with the forestry?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change encourages plantation on suitable barren & waste land through programmes and schemes such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana, School Nursery Yojana, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), etc. which promote tree plantation on vacant lands and bunds on farm lands etc. by involving local communities, NGOs, educational institutions, local bodies, etc.
- (b) National Forest Policy (NFP), 1988 which has been the guiding document for forest management, emphasizes scientific forestry research, necessitating adequate strengthening of the research base as well as new priorities for action with increasing recognition of the importance of forests for environmental health, energy and employment. Many research institutes/organisations under the aegis of the Ministry like Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute (IPIRTI), Forest Survey of India(FSI), etc. have been involved continuously in undertaking survey of forest resources and research studies relating to development of forestry sector. Further, studies and researches are also being undertaken by many other agencies of the Centre and State governments, including forest departments, forest corporations, remote sensing agencies etc., the findings/outcomes of which are also supplementing need based development of forests.

- (c) In consonance with the National Forest Policy 1988 emphasizing the local community based approach by creating a massive people's movement for achieving the objectives and to minimize pressure on existing forests, the concept of Joint Forest Management was launched and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) were formed in each State/UT Government which function on care and share principle. JFMCs have been recognized as organs of the Gram Sabha having active linkages with Gram Panchayats. Local Communities are involved through Joint Forest Management Committees in the management of forests and various afforestation activities. Various schemes including GIM are being implemented by the Ministry and the State/UT governments with the participation of these committees. Further, for the management of the Wildlife Protected Areas, Eco Development Committees (EDCs) are also formed to ensure people participation in wildlife conservation.
