

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYASABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1817**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

**Urban forestry**

1817. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that urban forestry is the only credible and most effective nature based solution for building green, sustainable and resilient cities;
- (b) if so, the initiatives taken/being taken by Government keeping in mind that urban forests provide habitat to animals, decrease wild-fire risk and contribute to community economic stability; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a)to(c) Realizing that Urban forestry is one of the ways to bridge the gap between people and nature, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is focused on enhancing forest quality and increasing tree cover to tackle the ill effects of urbanization and a nature based solution for building green, sustainable and resilient cities. The Ministry has launched ‘Nagar Van Yojana’ during the year 2020, with the objectives to significantly enhance the tree outside forests and green cover, enhancement of biodiversity and ecological benefits to the urban and peri-urban areas. Nagar Van Yojana envisages creating a Nagar Van/Nagar Vatika in each City having Municipal Corporation/Municipal council/Municipality/Urban Local Bodies(ULBs) for providing wholesome healthy living environment for the residents and thus contributing to growth of clean, green, healthy and sustainable cities. The scheme is implemented using the funds under the National Fund of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

The Ministry is also implementing National Mission for a Green India (GIM), which aims at protecting, restoring and enhancing India’s forest cover and responding to climate change by undertaking plantation activities in the forest and non-forest areas including urban & peri-urban areas.

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