

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3396
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31/03/2023
NATIONAL AGROFORESTRY POLICY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under the National Agroforestry Policy, any special drive for agroforestry has been undertaken where the forest cover is less than 7 percent of the geographical area of such district and particularly districts falling within the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ);
- (b) total plantation carried out in the various districts of the TTZ during last five years, year wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether there is any increase in the forest cover as the result of plantation as above; and
- (d) the details of the efforts for promoting plantation of native species and developing their nurseries for saplings?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) : The Government of India formulated the National Agroforestry Policy (NAP) in 2014 in order to encourage tree plantation in farm land. In accordance to the recommendation of NAP policy the Sub Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) was launched in 2016-17 with an aim to promote tree plantation on farm land with the motto of "Har Medh Par Ped", along with crops/cropping system to help the farmers to get additional income and make their farming systems more climate resilient and adaptive. Since the inception of the scheme in 2016-17, a total area of 1.21 lakh hectare has been covered under plantation with a total number of 532.30 lakh trees planted. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) through SMAF promotes agroforestry plantation on farm land irrespective of forest cover. Total plantation carried out in the various districts of the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) during last five years under SMAF is given below.

Sr. No	Name of the District	Year-wise no of plants planted					Total no of plants planted
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
1.	Bharatpur	38072	12670	--	--	--	50742
2.	Firozabad	--	126000	--	--	--	126000
3.	Hathras	--	--	25214	--	--	25214
4.	Total						201956

(d): Since the inception of the scheme 899 number of nurseries were established with the aim to supply Quality Planting Material (QPM). Under the scheme different native agroforestry species are promoted for plantation on farm land along with other species. They include broadly teak, sisham, eucalyptus, amla, Melia dubia, coconut, Mango, black pepper, mulberry, cashew for the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, etc, neem, mango, cashew, acacia, ardu, eucalyptus, casuarinas, gugal, Khejri for the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, etc, poplars, sisham, mango, neem, sal for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, etc. and coconut, acacia mangium, jack fruit, teak, areca, mulberry, etc. for North Eastern States.
