

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 832
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

Promotion of forestry in Darjeeling district

832. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the forest cover in Darjeeling district, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to conserve the forest regions of Darjeeling district, if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b) Government has taken several steps to increase forest cover in Darjeeling District and during the last three years, Afforestation has been done on 224 Ha areas under State plan and CAMPA in degraded forest areas and for enrichment of forest areas having less tree cover. The details are enclosed in Annexure I.

Several measures have also been taken to conserve the forests through deployment of the front line staff of the state forest department for the protection and conservation of forest in regular basis. Seasonal labours from different JFMCs are hired to combat forest fire during the dry season, supported by fire fighting equipment. Fire lines are also maintained at vulnerable areas. JFMCs member give true support and assist in the field works in protection of forest and combating forest fire.

Annexure I

Table: Total Afforestation done in Darjeeling district during the last three years

S.L No	Forest Division	Scheme	Year	Range	Area in Ha	Type of Plantation
1	Darjeeling Forest Division	State Plan	2020-21	Rimbick	8	Hill Misc.
2				Darjeeling	5	
3				Takdah	2	
4		State Plan	2021-22	Rimbick	5	
5		CAMPA		Tonglu	8	
6				Rimbick	30	
7		State Plan	2022-23	Dhotrey	3	
8				Tonglu	1	
9				GhoomSimana	1	
10				Takdah	3	
11				Teesta Valley	2	
12				Tonglu	1	
13				GhoomSimana	1	
14				Takdah	3	
15				Teesta Valley	2	
16				CAMPA	GhoomSimana	
17		Darjeeling	6			
18		Dhodrey	1			
19	Kurseong Forest Division	State Plan	2020-21	Sevoke	5	Hill Misc
20				Bagdogra	10	
21				Bamanpokhari	10	
22				Panighatta	10	
23				Tukriajhar	10	
24		State Plan	2021-22	Bamanpokhari	10	Hill Misc
25				courseonhg	5	Fodder Grass
26				Bamanpokhari	5	
27				Bagdogra	5	
28				Bagora	25	Hill Misc
29		State Plan	2022-23	Ghoshpukur	05	Hill Misc
30				Bagdogra	04	
31				Bagora	06	
32				Bagdogra	10	Fodder Grass
33				CAMPA NPV	Bagdogra	10
TOTAL					224	

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