GOVENMETN OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIAMTE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2433 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

Targets set under Green India Mission

2433. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

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

- (a) the details of targets set under Green India Mission, State-wise;
- (b) the number of States that have not been able to achieve the targets given to them as of 1st January, 2023;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government has allocated nearly ₹ 700 crore to States for this purpose;
- (d) the details of States where there is significant shortfall in tree cover and the steps for improving quality of degraded forest; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to convince States to push forest cover in view of India's international commitments to mitigate Greenhouse Gas emissions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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- (a) to (c) National Mission for a Green India (GIM) is one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change. It aims at protecting, restoring, and enhancing India's forest cover and responding to Climate Change. GIM activities were started in the FY 2015-16. So far, a sum of Rs. 755.68 Crores have been released to States/UTs for creation of plantation. The State-wise targets and achievements under GIM is given in Annexure-1.
- (d) & (e) As per India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, there is an overall increase of 721 square kilometer of tree cover at the national level as compared to the previous assessment i.e., ISFR-2019. The detail of State-wise tree cover in the country during last two assessments (ISFR-2019 & ISFR-2021) is given in Annexure-2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change supports the States/UTs under various programmes/schemes i.e. Green India Mission (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), School Nursery Yojna, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' (IDWH) etc., for taking up the eco-restoration activities (including afforestation) to improve and increase the forest cover in the country in view of India's international commitments to mitigate Greenhouse Gas emissions.

Annexure-1

Table-State-wise details of overall targets and its achievements regarding the creation of plantation till 01.01.2023 under GIM

			Area in Ha	
S. No.	Name of the States	Sanctioned Target	Achievements (Creation of Plantation)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	4,393	1,433	
2	Arunachal Pradesh*	10,777	-	
3	Chhattisgarh	24,610	19,128	
4	Haryana	1,568	1,301	
5	Himachal Pradesh*	5,480	-	
6	Jammu & Kashmir	5,680	1,066	
7	Karnataka	2,435	2,325	
8	Kerala	12,298	12,297	
9	Madhya Pradesh	35,617	26,597	
10	Maharashtra	6,766	5,223	
11	Manipur	19,976	14,432	
12	Mizoram	20,643	19,643	
13	Odisha	20,772	20,711	
14	Punjab	6,168	4,993	
15	Sikkim	6,981	4,183	
16	Uttarakhand	13,340	12,486	
17	West Bengal	2,606	2,606	
	Total	200,110	148,424	

*States have done advance work (preparatory activities) during the FY 2022-23 and accordingly creation will be done in FY 2023-24

Annexure-2

State-wise details of tree cover as per ISFR 2019 & 2021

(Area in sq. km)

		Tree Cover		
S. No.	State	2019	2021	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3914	4679	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	848	1001	
<u> </u>		1408	1630	
<u> </u>	Assam Bihar	2003	2341	
<u>4.</u> 5.		4248	5355	
	Chhattisgarh			
6.	Delhi	129	147	
7.	Goa	272	244	
8.	Gujarat	6912	5489	
9.	Haryana	1565	1425	
10.	Himachal Pradesh	829	675	
11.	Jammu & Kashmir (including Ladakh)	7944	4465	
12.	Jharkhand	2657	2867	
13.	Karnataka	6257	7494	
14.	Kerala	2936	2820	
15.	Madhya Pradesh	8339	8054	
16.	Maharashtra	10806	12108	
17.	Manipur	173	169	
18.	Meghalaya	710	698	
19.	Mizoram	441	444	
20.	Nagaland	362	365	
21.	Odisha	4648	5004	
22.	Punjab	1592	1138	
23.	Rajasthan	8112	8733	
24.	Sikkim	36	39	
25.	Tamil Nadu	4830	4424	
26.	Telangana	2514	2848	
27.	Tripura	231	228	
28.	Uttar Pradesh	7342	7421	
29.	Uttarakhand	841	1001	
30.	West Bengal	2006	2349	
31.	A& N Islands	41	23	
32.	Chandigarh	25	15	
33.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	33	32	
34.	Lakshadweep	0.29	0.05	
35.	Pondicherry	23	23	
55.	Total	<u>95027</u>	<u> </u>	
