

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Afforestation in Aurangabad circle in Maharashtra

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

- (a) whether the Aurangabad circle in Maharashtra is an afforestation circle;
- (b) the details of all schemes and programmes for afforestation in this circle, division and sub-division-wise, including the hectares and number of plants planted per year, species-wise for the last ten years;
- (c) the percentage of survival of these plants, for the last ten years, with height and growth;
- (d) the details of the expenditure thereof for the last ten years;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the success of these afforestation programmes is extremely low, as commonly observed; and
- (f) if not, the reasons thereof and the solutions therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) to (f) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change supports the States/Union Territories for carrying out afforestation activities through Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely National Mission for a Green India (GIM) which aims at protecting, restoring and enhancing India's forest cover and responding to climate change. Under GIM a sum of Rs.10.30 crores have been released to 9 landscapes namely Alibaug, Bhor, Pune, Dhule, Nandurbarg, Dahanu, Wadsa, Sironcha and West Nashik. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) has been the flagship afforestation scheme of the Ministry, implemented since year 2000 on pan India basis, for afforestation in identified degraded forest areas with people's participation and decentralized forest governance. Under NAP, an amount of Rs. 122 crores have been released to Maharashtra to take up afforestation in around 24,600 ha area during last 10 years. The NAP has been merged with GIM since 2018-19. Afforestation efforts being multi sectoral are undertaken through schemes of various other ministries and by the state through plan and non-plan budget.

The afforestation programmes/schemes specific data of district/division/circle level are not being maintained in the ministry.
