

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 198
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023

Plantation, protection and promotion of trees on waste and barren land

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government for plantation, protection and promotion of trees on the waste and barren land at various locations in the country;
- (b) the details of plan of Government for conducting continuous study for the survey, research and development of forests through the Research Institute of the Forest Department, Forest Corporation, Forest Survey of India, etc.; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to ensure the participation of the local people in the conservation and upkeep of the forests and to meet their needs and aspirations associated with the forestry, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARA (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 198 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.12.2023 REGARDING PLANTATION, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF TREES ON WASTE AND BARREN LAND RAISED BY SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

- (a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change encourages plantation in the country through various programs/schemes such as National Mission for Green India (GIM), National Afforestation Programme (NAP), Nagar Van Yojana, School Nursery Yojana, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds, etc. which promotes tree plantation on waste, vacant and barren lands by involving local communities, local bodies NGOS, educational institutions, etc.
- (b) National Forest Policy (NFP) 1988, emphasizes scientific forestry research, necessitating adequate strengthening of the research base as well as new priorities for action with increasing recognition of the importance of forests for environmental health, energy and employment. Many research institutes/organizations under the aegis of the Ministry like Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), India Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute (IPIRTI), Forest Survey of India (FSI), Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, Wildlife Institute of India, etc. have been involved continuously in undertaking survey of forest resources and research studies relating to development of forestry sector.

Further, studies and researches are also being undertaken by many other agencies of the centre and state governments, including forest departments, forest corporations, remote sensing centers/agencies etc., the findings/outcomes of which are also supplementing need based development of forests.

- (c) In consonance with the National Forest Policy 1988, the local communities are involved through Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) as organ of the Gram Panchayats in the management of forests and various afforestation activities. Various schemes including Green India Mission and National Afforestation Programme are being implemented by the Ministry and the State/UT governments with the participation of these committees. Further, for the management of the Wildlife Protected Areas, Eco Development Committees (EDCs) are also formed to ensure people participation in wildlife conservation.
