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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

Tree plantation in private sector

1343. SHRI BANSILAL GURJAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has implemented any special scheme to promote tree plantation (development of private forests) in the private sector;
- (b) if so, the amount of financial assistance provided so far to the State of Madhya Pradesh under this scheme; and
- (c) if not, by when Government is planning to launch any special initiative or scheme in this direction?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (c) The Government is undertaking afforestation and tree plantation under the overarching theme of the '*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*' campaign, launched on 5th June 2024, with the objective of increasing the green cover of the country through voluntary tree planting. The campaign follows a "Whole of Government" and "Whole of Society" approach, encouraging all citizens and entities to participate in greening activities.

Though there is no specific scheme for development of private forests and hence no financial assistance provided to any State/UT in this regard, the utilization of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for environmental sustainability, conservation of natural resources, agroforestry etc, along with activities carried out under provisions of the *Van (Sankrashan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980* including compensatory afforestation and accredited compensatory afforestation provide for active involvement of the private sector in tree plantation and eco-restoration.

Additionally, the Government has notified Green Credit Rules, 2023 on 12th October 2023 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to encourage voluntary environmental positive actions resulting in issuance of Green Credits. As per the notification, plantation/eco-restoration is to be undertaken on degraded land parcels under the control and management of Forest Departments. GCP (Green Credit Programme) envisages encouraging entities to generate green credits through undertaking plantation/eco-restoration and the green credits will be generated on completion of plantation/eco-restoration within a period of two years.
