

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1346
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

Soil Conservation and Greenbelt Initiatives

1346. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) whether there are national plans to launch soil conservation and greenbelt initiatives along vulnerable corridors in rural India, with an emphasis on community participation;
- (b) the technical and financial support provided for such initiatives in Uttar Pradesh, especially through convergence with MGNREGS and State forest programs; and
- (c) whether greenbelt or soil conservation projects are proposed along the Auraiya-Etawah corridor, with active involvement of local women Self Help Groups (SHGs), and the mechanism for their implementation?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched a number of afforestation schemes/programmes — namely, the Green India Mission (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY), School Nursery Yojana (SNY), the Eco-Development Forces (EDF) scheme, and funds under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), etc. Additionally, the ‘*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*’ campaign, launched on 5th June 2024, has the objectives of halting and reversing land degradation and preventing desertification, among others. Community-based greening and soil and moisture conservation efforts are encouraged across all States/UTs under these existing schemes. These plantation programmes incorporate the soil & moisture conservation measures.

Besides, the Watershed Development Component of the *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana* (WDC-PMKSY) 2.0, implemented by the Department of Land Resources for the development of rainfed and degraded lands in the country, includes, *inter alia*, activities such as ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rainwater harvesting, nursery raising, pasture development, and livelihoods for asset-less persons, which contribute to soil conservation and afforestation with an emphasis on community participation.

Under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, a total of 56 watershed projects covering an area of 2.64

lakh hectares at a total cost of ₹580.67 crores have been sanctioned to Uttar Pradesh for implementation from FY 2021–22 to FY 2025–26. An amount of ₹162.86 crores has been released as the Central share to Uttar Pradesh. Further, from 2022–23 to 2024–25, a total of 1,806 water harvesting structures have been created/rejuvenated, 1.47 lakh farmers have benefited, and 10.32 lakh person-days of employment have been generated in Uttar Pradesh. District-wise details of projects sanctioned, area covered, and project cost under WDC-PMKSY 2.0 in Uttar Pradesh are given at **Annexure.**

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of the Rajya Sabha Un=Starred Question No. 1346 due for reply on 31.07.2025 by Smt. Geeta Alias Chandraprabha regarding “Soil Conservation and Greenbelt Initiatives”

District-wise details of watershed projects sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh under WDCPMKSY
(area in ha and rupees in lakh)

Sl. No	District	Project name	Area sanctioned	Total cost	Central share	State share
1	Amethi	Amethi-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5348	1176.56	705.93	470.62
2	Amethi	Amethi-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5528	1216.16	729.69	486.46
3	Amroha	AMROHA-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5082	1118.04	670.82	447.21
4	Azamgarh	AZAMGARH-WDC - 1 /2021-22	2840	624.8	374.88	249.92
5	Baghpat	BAGHPAT-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4515	993.3	595.98	397.32
6	Baghpat	BAGHPAT-WDC - 2 /2021-22	3702	814.44	488.664	325.776
7	Bareilly	BAREILLY-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4865	1070.3	642.18	428.12
8	Bareilly	BAREILLY-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5038	1108.36	665.01	443.34
9	Bijnor	BIJNOR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4668	1026.96	616.17	410.78
10	Bijnor	BIJNOR-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5375	1182.5	709.5	473
11	Budaun	BUDAUN-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4251	935.22	561.13	374.08
12	Budaun	BUDAUN-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5749	1264.78	758.86	505.91
13	Bulandshahr	BULANDSHAHR-WDC -1/2021-22	4958	1090.76	654.45	436.3
14	Chitrakoot	CHITRAKOOT-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5800	1276	765.6	510.4
15	Deoria	DEORIA-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4700	1034	620.4	413.6
16	Etah	ETAH-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5000	1100	660	440
17	Etawah	ETAWAH-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4850	1067	640.2	426.8
18	Fatehpur	FATEHPUR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4750	1045	627	418
19	Fatehpur	FATEHPUR-WDC - 2 /2021-22	2726	599.72	359.83	239.88
20	Hamirpur	HAMIRPUR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4950	1089	653.4	435.6
21	Hamirpur	HAMIRPUR-WDC -	5460	1201.2	720.72	480.48

		2 /2021-22				
22	Hapur	HAPUR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4425	973.5	584.1	389.4
23	Hapur	HAPUR-WDC - 2 /2021-22	4945	1087.9	652.74	435.16
24	Jaunpur	JAUNPUR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4872	1071.84	643.1	428.73
25	Jaunpur	JAUNPUR-WDC - 2 /2021-22	4033	887.26	532.356	354.904
26	Kannauj	KANNAUJ-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4100	902	541.2	360.8
27	Kanpur Nagar	KANPUR NAGAR-WDC-2/2021-22	5000	1100	660	440
28	Kaushambi	KAUSHAMBI-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4032	887.04	532.224	354.816
29	Kushi Nagar	KUSHI NAGAR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4280	941.6	564.96	376.64
30	Lucknow	LUCKNOW-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5000	1100	660	440
31	Mahoba	MAHOB A-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4800	1056	633.6	422.4
32	Mahoba	MAHOB A-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5000	1100	660	440
33	Mainpuri	MAINPURI-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4548.18	1000.6	600.36	400.24
34	Mathura	MATHURA-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5250	1155	693	462
35	Mirzapur	MIRZAPUR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	3411.13	750.45	450.27	300.18
36	Mirzapur	MIRZAPUR-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5800	1276	765.6	510.4
37	Moradabad	MORADABAD-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5042	1109.24	665.54	443.69
38	Pratapgarh	PRATAPGARH-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4180	919.6	551.76	367.84
39	Pratapgarh	PRATAPGARH-WDC - 2 /2021-22	4980	1095.6	657.36	438.24
40	Prayagraj	PRAYAGRAJ-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5175	1134.54	680.72	453.81
41	Prayagraj	PRAYAGRAJ-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5135	1129.7	677.82	451.88
42	Rae Bareli	RAE BARELI-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5047	1110.34	666.2	444.13
43	Rampur	RAMPUR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4872	1071.84	643.1	428.73
44	Saharanpur	SAHARANPUR-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5150	1133	679.8	453.2
45	Saharanpur	SAHARANPUR-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5310	1168.2	700.92	467.28

46	Sambhal	SAMBHAL-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4915	1081.3	648.78	432.52
47	Sambhal	SAMBHAL-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5050	1111	666.6	444.4
48	Sonbhadra	SONBHADRA-WDC - 1 /2021-22	4244.92	933.88	560.328	373.552
49	Sonbhadra	SONBHADRA-WDC - 2 /2021-22	3116	685.52	411.312	274.208
50	Sonbhadra	SONBHADRA-WDC - 3 /2021-22	3134	689.48	413.688	275.792
51	Varanasi	VARANASI-WDC - 1 /2021-22	5200	1144	686.4	457.6
52	Varanasi	VARANASI-WDC - 2 /2021-22	5260	1157.2	694.32	462.88
53	Gorakhpur	GORAKHPUR-WDC - 1 /2024-25	5000	1100	660	440
54	Deoria	DEORIAI-WDC - 2 /2024-25	4800	1056	633.6	422.4
55	Sant Kabir Nagar	SANT KABIR NAGARI-WDC - 1 /2024-25	4500	990	594	396
56	Hardoi	HARDOI-WDC - 1 /2024-25	4198	923.56	554.136	369.424
		Total	263960.2	58067.3	34840	23226.84
