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Mega plantation drives "Ek ped Maa ke naam"

2159. SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:

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

- (a) whether the Dharashiv record plantation of 15 lakh saplings in a day under "Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam" as a part of the Prime Minister's plantation drive has been evaluated for survival rate and biodiversity impact;
- (b) whether similar large-scale schemes are planned nationwide in fiscal 2025–26; and
- (c) the role of the Green Credit Programme in financing and monitoring such initiatives?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per the information provided by the State of Maharashtra, 15 lakh saplings were planted across 234 Gram Panchayats, 10 municipalities, and selected forest areas in Dharashiv district on 19th July, 2025 under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign for the current year. Plantation sites were selected based on water availability, protection measures, and community participation. Indigenous species were planted using the Miyawaki method, promoting ecological diversity with canopy trees, medium trees, shrubs and medicinal plants. Regular monitoring is underway, and survival counting is scheduled.

The "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign employs the MeriLIFE Portal, a real-time digital platform to facilitate recording and tracking of plantation related activities. Awareness campaigns are on-going to promote the care and maintenance of planted saplings. An SMS-based nudge system has also been initiated from July, 2025 to encourage registered participants to maintain saplings.

- (b) Afforestation activities in the country are carried out under various schemes such as National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY), the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitat and Tangible Benefits (MISHTI), funds from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), among others and also through State Schemes.

The Rajasthan Government has set a target of planting 10 crore trees in the year 2025-26 under the "Hariyalo Rajasthan" Abhiyan. The State of Maharashtra has also launched a 10 crore tree plantation drive under "Green Maharashtra

prosperous Maharashtra” for 2025. The State of Uttar Pradesh has launched a landmark Plantation Mega Drive 2025 under the banner of “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam”, with a goal to plant 37 crore saplings in a single day. Similarly, other State Governments and U.T. Administrations have also taken up large scale plantation activities in this year’s campaign of “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam”.

- (c) The Central 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.
