GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1335 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

Forest restoration in Punjab

1335. SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

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

- (a) whether Government has set any forest restoration target in Punjab under the National Mission for a Green India;
- (b) if so, the areas restored during the last three years; and
- (c) whether agroforestry is being promoted and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) National Mission for a Green India (GIM) is one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change. It aims at protecting, restoring, and enhancing India's forest cover and responding to Climate Change by means of plantation activities in the forest and non-forest areas. Under GIM, the targets are being taken up based on the approved perspective plans submitted by the States. The implementation of GIM activities in the State of Punjab were started in FY 2015-16. So far, target of 7768 ha has been taken up out of which 7168 ha has been brought under eco-restoration which include 2175 ha during last three years.

In the State of Punjab, GIM activities are taken up across various categories including moderately dense forests showing degradation, degraded open forests, scrublands, and farmers' lands including current fallows. Further, to promote agroforestry in the State, a sub-scheme titled "Agroforestry through Crop Diversification (CDAF)" is being implemented under the Green Punjab Mission, a State Plan Scheme.
