

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4376**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

**Green India mission in Uttar Pradesh**

4376. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the total hectares of degraded forest land rejuvenated in Uttar Pradesh under the Green India Mission;
- (b) whether the rapid development of 'Nagar Vans' (Urban Forests) has significantly improved the green cover and air quality in major cities of the State;
- (c) the details of central funds disbursed and utilized by the State for these afforestation drives during 2025-26;
- (d) the details of engagement of local communities and self-help groups in the maintenance of newly planted saplings; and
- (e) the steps taken to integrate geo-tagging and drone surveillance to monitor the survival rates of plantations accurately?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The National Mission for a Green India (GIM), one of the eight Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), aims to protect, restore and enhance forest and tree cover while contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation through plantation and ecosystem restoration in identified landscapes. Under GIM, activities are implemented based on approved Perspective Plans and Annual Plans of Operation submitted by the States and approved by the National Executive Council. In the State of Uttar Pradesh, implementation of GIM activities commenced in 2023–24, and an area of 4,202.25 hectares has been taken up so far under eco-restoration.
- (b) The Ministry is implementing Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) which envisages developing 600 Nagar Vans and 400 Nagar Vatikas in the country during the period of 2020-21 to 2026-27 with an objective to significantly enhance the tree outside forests and green cover, enhancement of biodiversity and ecological benefits to the urban and peri-urban areas apart from improving quality of life of city dwellers. Based on the proposals submitted by State Government, the Ministry releases funds from National Authority of CAMPA to cover mainly the cost of fencing, soil- moisture conservation measures & related activities, administrative activities, plantation and maintenance. Although no specific study has been carried out to assess whether the rapid development of Nagar Vans has significantly improved the green cover and air quality, the development of Nagar

Vans in Uttar Pradesh and other States has expanded urban green spaces and created ecological assets with potential to improve air quality and micro-climate. The impact is incremental, long-term, and part of broader urban greening efforts. So far 34 Nagar Van proposals have been approved for the State of Uttar Pradesh.

- (c) & (d) During FY 2025–26, a total amount of ₹11.14 crore has been released to the State for afforestation and eco-restoration activities under GIM and Nagar Van Yojana. The utilization of funds is being undertaken by the State, and progress reports are due by 31st March 2026. Implementation of these programmes involves active participation of local communities, including Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs), which comprise representatives from local communities and stakeholders. These institutions play a key role in plantation, protection, and maintenance activities.
- (e) Monitoring of plantations follows a multi-tiered approach involving both Central and State mechanisms. State Forest Departments undertake annual physical verification and third-party monitoring including *inter alia* through geo-tagged photographs and *.kml* files. Corrective measures, including gap filling and maintenance, are undertaken based on survival assessments. The Ministry also promotes the use of technology-based tools, including geo-tagging and remote sensing, to enhance monitoring accuracy. The Forest Survey of India (FSI) carries out periodic assessments of forest cover and resources.

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