

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 52**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026

**Eco-restoration of degraded forest lands**

52. SHRI L. K. SUDHISH:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched any new initiative for eco-restoration of degraded forest lands under its Green India Mission;
- (b) the total area identified and restored during the last three years, State-wise, including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilised therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken to ensure community participation and improve biodiversity through such restoration efforts?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 52 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23.07.2026 REGARDING ECO-  
RESTORATION OF DEGRADED FOREST LANDS ASKED BY SHRI L.K. SUDHISH**

(a) The ongoing National Mission for a Green India (GIM), one of the nine Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), aims to protect, restore and enhance forest and tree cover through eco-restoration in forest and non-forest areas. The revised Mission Document (2025–26) broadens the Mission's focus to ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation, enhanced carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, improved ecosystem services, and convergence with Central and State Government schemes. In addition to the Green India Mission, the Ministry is implementing other initiatives for afforestation and eco-restoration, including the Aravalli Green Wall Initiative, Nagar Van Yojana, and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI), to restore degraded landscapes and enhance ecological resilience across the country.

(b) & (c) So far, a sum of Rs. 1076.34 Crores have been allocated/released to seventeen States namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and one union territory Jammu & Kashmir for creation of plantation/eco-restoration over an area of 184467 ha. Under the Green India Mission, restoration activities are undertaken by the States/UTs based on the approved Annual Plans of Operation (APOs). The State-wise total area restored along with funds allocated and utilized during the last three years, is detailed in Annexure-I.

(d) GIM adopts a participatory, community-based landscape approach to ecological restoration and biodiversity conservation. In accordance with the Mission's implementation guidelines, community participation is ensured through the active involvement of Gram Sabhas, Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs), Eco-Development Committees (EDCs) and other local stakeholders in the planning and implementation of restoration activities. The Mission also promotes the use of native species, assisted natural regeneration and restoration of degraded ecosystems to enhance biodiversity and strengthen ecosystem resilience.

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## Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) & (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 52 regarding 'Eco-restoration of degraded forest lands' raised by Shri L.K. Sudhish due for reply on 23.07.2026.

The State-wise total area restored along with funds allocated and utilized during the last three years under GIM:

| Sl. No.      | States            | Total funds allocated / release<br>(Rs. in Crore) | Total funds utilized<br>(Rs. in Crore) | Area taken up under Eco-restoration<br>( in ha) |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1            | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.00                                              | 19.40                                  | 5,314                                           |
| 2            | Chhattisgarh      | 2.83                                              | 4.13                                   | 3,473                                           |
| 3            | Haryana           | 54.94                                             | 52.92                                  | 2,454                                           |
| 4            | Himachal Pradesh  | 0.07                                              | 4.10                                   | 725                                             |
| 5            | Jammu & Kashmir   | 4.50                                              | 7.82                                   | 712                                             |
| 6            | Karnataka         | 8.20                                              | 7.99                                   | 0                                               |
| 7            | Kerala            | 8.49                                              | 8.49                                   | 1,993                                           |
| 8            | Madhya Pradesh    | 37.82                                             | 39.40                                  | 6,234                                           |
| 9            | Manipur           | 11.97                                             | 11.97                                  | 3,056                                           |
| 10           | Mizoram           | 30.03                                             | 21.13                                  | 0                                               |
| 11           | Odisha            | 12.59                                             | 13.10                                  | 0                                               |
| 12           | Punjab            | 5.38                                              | 3.12                                   | 600                                             |
| 13           | Sikkim            | 26.36                                             | 23.46                                  | 0                                               |
| 14           | Uttarakhand       | 57.10                                             | 53.49                                  | 2,350                                           |
| 15           | Uttar Pradesh     | 8.73                                              | 7.52                                   | 4,202                                           |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>269.01</b>                                     | <b>278.04</b>                          | <b>31,114</b>                                   |

**Note:**

- The fund utilized (Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha) also include the utilization of unspent funds available with the States from release of previous year.
- The States (Karnataka, Mizoram, Odisha and Sikkim) have taken up maintenance of plantation already done during the previous years.
- Progress Reports from the State of Mizoram not received
- The State of Tamil Nadu has submitted the perspective plan during the FY 2026-27.