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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31/07/2026

PROMOTION OF AGROFORESTRY AND TREE-BASED FARMING SYSTEMS

1448. SHRI CONSTANDINE RAVINDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the role envisaged by Government for agroforestry and tree-based farming systems in enhancing agricultural productivity, improving soil health, strengthening climate resilience and augmenting farmers' income across diverse agro-climatic regions of the country;
- (b) the schemes rolled out by Government for integrating trees within agricultural landscapes, including support for plantation activities, technical advisory services, quality planting material and capacity-building efforts for farmers; and
- (c) the initiatives proposed to be taken by Government to accelerate the adoption of agroforestry practices and mainstream them as an important pillar of climate-resilient agriculture in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Government recognizes agroforestry and tree-based farming systems as important component of sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture. Integration of trees with crops and livestock helps in enhancing farm productivity through diversification of production systems, improving soil health, strengthening climate resilience and augmenting farmers' income.

Government of India formulated National Agroforestry Policy (NAP), 2014 to promote agroforestry across the country. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Policy,

Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) was implemented from 2016-17 to 2021-22 with the motto of "Har Medh Par Ped" to encourage tree plantation on farmlands along with crops/cropping systems. From 2023-24, the scheme is being implemented as Agroforestry component under Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY). The objective of Agroforestry component is to ensure availability of Quality Planting Materials (QPMs) to the farmers to increase tree cover on farm lands. ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute (ICAR-CAFRI), Jhansi, is the nodal technical agency for providing technical support for Quality Planting Material.

Financial assistance under the scheme includes establishment of agroforestry nurseries and raising of saplings. Under Agroforestry Component of PM-RKVY, during the last three years (2023-24 to date), 826 nurseries have been established and about 1062.18 lakh saplings raised. Rs. 272.26 crore has been released to States/UTs as Central Share.
