

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**Lok SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 921**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016

**Plantation of Trees along River Banks**

921. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for plantation of trees along the river banks in the country;
- (b) if so, the locations identified for the purpose, State-wise including Gujarat; and
- (c) the time and the extent to which the said plantation is likely to be carried out?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) The Forest Research Institute, Dehradun has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for undertaking plantation and associated activities along the river Ganga and its major tributaries. The DPR envisages plantations on sites located within five Km on both sides of river Ganga and two Km on both sides of its major tributaries.
- (b) As per the aforesaid DPR, a total 6,197 sites have been identified by Forest Departments of five participating States *viz.*, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal for raising plantations. State-wise break-up of these sites is as below:  
Uttarakhand: 3,378  
Uttar Pradesh: 2,251  
Bihar: 375  
Jharkhand: 36  
West Bengal: 157  
No such sites are located in Gujarat.
- (c) The afore-mentioned DPR provides for carrying out plantations to the extent of 1,33,751 hectares in the afore-mentioned five States over a period of five years including the current year.

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