GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4229 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2017

Forest Development under PPP Mode

4229. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a new scheme to develop degraded forest land under PPP mode;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to grow local species of plants and trees on such land for sustainability of flora and fauna?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (c) There is no proposal to launch a new Scheme to develop degraded forest lands under PPP mode. However, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has prepared a draft policy guidelines for public participation in afforestation of degraded forests with the objectives to improve forest cover, productivity and quality.

Choice of species for plantation on any forest land depends on number of factors including site quality, climatic and edaphic factors etc. The Programmes of the Ministry emphasize selection of suitable species for improvement of forests under different models of plantations like aided natural regeneration, artificial regeneration, mixed plantation of trees having minor forest produce and medicinal values, pasture/silvi-pastoral development, bamboo and cane plantation and regeneration of perennial herbs and shrubs.
