

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3636
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2017

Integrated Forest Conservation Scheme

3636. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to formulate an integrated forest conservation scheme to increase forest cover in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the target fixed for afforestation has been met during the previous Plan period and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has set any targets for afforestation in the coming years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken/ planned by the Government to increase the areas under the forest cover in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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- (a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is not considering formulating an integrated forest conservation scheme to increase forest cover in the country. However, to achieve the targets mentioned in the National Forest Policy to maintain 33% forest and tree cover in the country this ministry is implementing three major forestry related schemes i.e. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme, National Mission for a Green India (GIM) and Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS). While NAP is being implemented for afforestation of degraded forest lands, GIM aims at improving the quality of forest/increase in forest cover besides cross sectoral activities on landscape basis and the IFMS supports the forest protection, development and conservation related activities such as patrolling of the forests, forest fire control, survey and demarcation of forest areas and strengthening of forest infrastructure etc. An area of about 21 lakh ha has been approved for new afforestation with an investment of around Rs. 3700 crores under NAP since inception in 2000 till 2016-17. Under GIM an amount of Rs.174 crores has been released since 2011-12 to 2016-17 for preparatory and perspective plan. An amount of Rs. 141.81 crores have been released under IFMS during 2014-15 to 2016-17. The fund under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), *interalia*, is also used in plantation activity including compensatory afforestation.

Afforestation/Tree plantation targets in the country under Item No.51 (a) (Area Covered under Public and Forest Lands) and 51 (b) (No. of Seedlings Planted) of Twenty Point Programme (TPP) is fixed by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) annually to States/UTs. Afforestation/Tree plantation achievements in the country under Twenty Point Programme (TPP) are compiled in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The details of State/UT wise Targets & achievements for Point 51(a) and Point 51 (b) during last three years are given in **Annexure-I& II**. The State/UT wise targets for the year 2017-18 are provided in **Annexure III**.

Tree Plantation/Afforestation activities are taken up cross sectorally by various departments, NGOs, Civil Society, Corporate etc. under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and also under different State Plan/Non Plan Schemes including Externally Aided Projects.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply of parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3636 regarding "Integrated Forest Conservation Scheme" raised by Shri Feroze Varun Gandhi due for reply on 08.08.2017.

State/UT wise Details of afforestation Targets and Achievements of Point 51(a) (Area Covered under Public and Forest Lands) under Twenty Point Programme during last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17)

(Area in Hectares)

Sl.No	Name of State/UT	Year 2014-15		Year 2015-16		Year 2016-17	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement (upto Dec. 2016)
1	Andhra Pradesh	399600	208591	148730	133618	208591	245363
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5780	42	210	8	210	0
3	Assam	4060	0	40	0	40	0
4	Bihar	22800	92956	22790	41419	30330	33232
5	Chhattisgarh	60000	86211	50410	133531	60581	93494
6	Goa	305	346	150	21	154	38
7	Gujarat	145400	191118	139280	150822	139283	140517
8	Haryana	40000	35798	57200	30643	35798	25192
9	Himachal Pradesh	20000	20728	18000	11449	20728	7969
10	Jammu and Kashmir	13300	8454	8700	10863	8454	3888
11	Jharkhand	22300	7296	3450	NR	3450	21005
12	Karnataka	47000	52805	66090	69093	41000	61603
13	Kerala	7530	3700	3890	1117	3700	46695
14	Madhya Pradesh	133000	7499	110700	7994	7499	99197
15	Maharashtra	163450	91413	122880	55793	91413	41588
16	Manipur	14380	11547	14600	2855	11547	10015
17	Meghalaya	4110	1991	4850	3186	1991	0
18	Mizoram	5840	0	4070	NR	4070	4050
19	Nagaland	3840	0	1050	NR	1050	0
20	Orissa	182270	198891	107290	170808	107287	197867
21	Punjab	10090	2769	6970	2934	2769	5023
22	Rajasthan	53155	70423	57100	70893	57103	66442
23	Sikkim	6160	4095	4810	1325	4095	3376
24	Tamil Nadu	55071	70235	70240	45129	70235	28678
25	Telangana	-	80446	59970	236598	80446	436913
26	Tripura	20900	16403	16280	2339	16280	4070
27	Uttarakhand	16000	17268	16000	17846	17268	16670
28	Uttar Pradesh	68180	57907	47731	165867	57907	84766
29	West Bengal	8130	6396	750	12169	3910	2722
30	A & N Islands	1100	1184	1120	1300	1116	1123
31	Chandigarh	155	126	180	167	126	178
32	D & N Haveli	220	220	200	225	200	220
33	Daman & Diu	10	11	10	0	10	100
34	Delhi	692	1468	850	1498	848	1298
35	Lakshadweep	25	0	20	0	25	0
36	Puducherry	70	75	40	86	41	250
	Total :	1534923	1348412	1166651	1381596	1089555	1683542

Note : NR= Not Reported

Annexure II

Annexure referred to in reply of parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3636 regarding "Integrated Forest Conservation Scheme" raised by Shri Feroze Varun Gandhi due for reply on 08.08.2017.

State/UT wise Details of afforestation Targets and Achievements of Point 51(b) (No. of Seedlings Planted) under Twenty Point Programme during last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17)

(Number of Seedlings in Lakhs)

Sl.No	Name of State/UT	Year 2014-15		Year 2015-16		Year 2016-17	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement (upto Dec. 2016)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2597.4	2212.73	966.75	1839.48	1355.84	1628.44
2	Arunachal Pradesh	37.57	0.27	1.37	0.06	1.37	0
3	Assam	26.39	0	0.26	0	0.26	0
4	Bihar	148.2	604.21	148.14	269.22	197.15	216.01
5	Chhattisgarh	417.3	696	327.67	98.7	393.78	649.42
6	Goa	4.77	4.5	0.98	0.33	1.00	0.32
7	Gujarat	945.1	1820.39	905.32	1689.92	905.34	1791.46
8	Haryana	300	279.27	371.8	238.5	232.69	189.95
9	Himachal Pradesh	130	135	117	121.68	134.73	79.36
10	Jammu and Kashmir	86.45	59.61	56.55	76.6	54.95	12.17
11	Jharkhand	144.95	74.26	22.43	NR	22.43	192.1
12	Karnataka	443	519.29	429.59	435.38	266.5	546.48
13	Kerala	48.95	10.53	25.29	17.3	24.05	29.48
14	Madhya Pradesh	864.5	866.87	719.55	63.94	48.74	855.37
15	Maharashtra	1062.43	863.12	798.72	557.5	594.18	566.62
16	Manipur	93.47	92.02	94.9	62.06	75.06	68.44
17	Meghalaya	26.72	45.04	31.53	33.65	12.94	0
18	Mizoram	37.96	0	26.46	NR	26.46	26.46
19	Nagaland	24.96	0	6.83	NR	6.83	0
20	Orissa	1184.76	1242.17	697.39	960.03	697.37	831.2
21	Punjab	65.59	18	45.31	19.07	18	32.65
22	Rajasthan	345.5	451.96	371.15	461.14	371.17	438.55
23	Sikkim	40.04	23.07	31.27	16.31	26.62	22.99
24	Tamil Nadu	357.96	456.53	456.56	293.34	456.53	186.4
25	Telangana	-	445.79	389.81	1378.31	522.9	3673.17
26	Tripura	135.85	106.19	105.82	15.38	105.82	433.31
27	Uttarakhand	104	175.09	104	157.76	112.24	156.17
28	Uttar Pradesh	443.17	919.73	310.25	587.03	376.4	667.66
29	West Bengal	52.85	100.18	4.88	324.19	25.42	27.51
30	A & N Islands	7	6.73	7.28	7.13	7.25	7
31	Chandigarh	1.01	0.82	1.17	1.33	0.82	1.38
32	D & N Haveli	1.43	3.52	1.3	3.03	1.3	3.83
33	Daman & Diu	0.07	0.16	0.07	0	0.07	0
34	Delhi	4.5	9.54	5.53	9.74	5.51	8.45
35	Lakshadweep	0.16	0	0.13	0	0.16	0
36	Puducherry	0.46	1.46	0.26	0.33	0.27	0.87
	Total :	10184.43	12244.07	7583.32	9738.43	7082.15	13343.21

Note : NR= Not Reported

Annexure III

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State/UT wise Details of Afforestation Targets of Point 51(a) (Area Covered under Public and Forest Lands) and 51(b) (No. of Seedlings Planted) under Twenty Point Programme for the year 2017-18

(51-(a)-Area in Hectares), (51-(b)-Number of Seedlings in Lakhs)

Sl.No	NAME OF STATE/UT	TARGET 2017-18	
		Point 51 (a)	Point 51 (b)
1	Andhra Pradesh	238390	1549.54
2	Arunachal Pradesh	210	1.37
3	Assam	40	0.26
4	Bihar	67860	441.09
5	Chhattisgarh	93440	607.36
6	Goa	175	1.14
7	Gujarat	160405	1042.63
8	Haryana	41210	267.87
9	Himachal Pradesh	15000	97.50
10	Jammu and Kashmir	9340	60.71
11	Jharkhand	5370	34.91
12	Karnataka	58000	377.00
13	Kerala	2900	18.85
14	Madhya Pradesh	50230	326.50
15	Maharashtra	120315	782.05
16	Manipur	10770	70.01
17	Meghalaya	7170	46.61
18	Mizoram	4070	26.46
19	Nagaland	1050	6.83
20	Orissa	162410	1055.67
21	Punjab	6505	42.28
22	Rajasthan	42000	273.00
23	Sikkim	3410	22.17
24	Tamil Nadu	61865	402.12
25	Telangana	158520	1030.38
26	Tripura	11675	75.89
27	Uttarakhand	12000	78.00
28	Uttar Pradesh	100705	654.58
29	West Bengal	7490	48.69
30	A & N Islands	1205	7.83
31	Chandigarh	155	1.01
32	D & N Haveli	215	1.40
33	Daman & Diu	5	0.03
34	Delhi	1270	8.26
35	Lakshadweep	10	0.07
36	Puducherry	65	0.42
	Total :	1455450	9460.49

Point 51-a-Area covered (ha)

Point 51-b- No. of Seedlings planted (number in lakhs)
