

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No. 316**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2018

**Expansion of Forest Areas**

\*316. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT  
SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

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

- (a) whether the private sector is being involved in the afforestation/expansion of forest areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes being implemented and the guidelines/policy enunciated in this regard;
- (c) the funds allocated to various States/UTs including Madhya Pradesh under the said scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the assistance provided to the private sector during the last three years; and
- (e) the status of implementation of the schemes in various States/UTs including Madhya Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) AND (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*316 REGARDING EXPANSION OF FOREST AREAS RAISED BY SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT AND SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM DUE FOR REPLY ON 16.03.2018:

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. As on date there is no specific scheme of Government of India to involve private sector in afforestation/expansion of forest areas in the country. Further, no guidelines/ policy have been framed in this regard so far. However National Forest Policy 1988 envisages that the planting of trees alongside of roads, railway lines, rivers and streams and canals, and other unutilised land under state/ corporate, institutional or private ownership needs to be encouraged. The policy further suggests that Forest based industry should raise the raw material needed for meeting its own requirements.
- (c) to (e) In view of above questions do not arise.

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