

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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Plantations Schemes

1255. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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

- (a) the details of forestation/ plantation schemes being implemented by the Government in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to create awareness among people regarding conservation of forest and environment in the country through effective utilization of media;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The Ministry is implementing two major forestation/ Plantation schemes in the country including Maharashtra *i.e.* National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and National Mission for a Green India (GIM) under which financial grant is provided to states for taking up plantation and related activities. 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. Since the inception of NAP in the year 2000 till December 2017, Rs. 3775.33 crores has been released for treating an area of about 22 lakh hectares. Under GIM an amount of Rs.212.72 crore has been released since 2011-12 till December, 2017 for preparatory and prospective plan.
- (b) & (c) For area and region specific awareness creation needs, there is an inbuilt provision in the NAP and GIM schemes for assistance to Forest Development Agencies (FDAs), and other organization at the State level for undertaking awareness activities in a decentralized manner. The Ministry is also implementing Environmental Education, Awareness and Training Scheme under which awareness campaigns using print and electronic media, besides other mass media to enhance awareness about various forest & environmental issues are taken up. The activities envisage advertisement in print and electronic media, publicity through exhibitions, films, plays etc.
- (d) In view of the above, question does not arise.
