

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2408
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2018

Conservation of Forest Cover

2408. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated an appropriate programme for proper development and conservation of forest cover in the country and for the development of forest based industries and people working therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) For the Development and Conservation of Forest Cover in the country afforestation programmes are being taken up under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and Green India Mission (GIM) being implemented by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Afforestation activities are also taken up under various programmes/funding sources such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

Further, for protection and conservation of forest, various central acts such as Indian Forest Act-1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act-1972, Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 and rules made are enforced.

For development of forest based industries, particularly the wood based industries, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified the “Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Guidelines, 2016.
