

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4099
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10-08-2018

Plantation Drive

4099. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken or proposes to launch any plantation drive across the country including Hathras region of Uttar Pradesh to increase green cover;
- (b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the target fixed for plantation of trees by the year 2021;
- (c) the details of mechanism, procedure and implementing agencies in Uttar Pradesh for the same;
- (d) the increase in green cover, if any, noticed in the said region due to plantation drive during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether any activists/social organizations are involved in the process and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to increase further green cover and promote forest based economy in the country especially in the said region?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) Afforestation activities are being undertaken in forest as well as non-forest areas under various programs like Green India Mission, National Afforestation Programme, and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and other programs of other ministries. The Uttar Pradesh Forest Department has proposed to undertake plantation drive including Hathras region of Uttar Pradesh to increase green cover. The afforestation activities are being carried out in accordance with Annual Plans of Operation of States for each year. The State/UT-wise details of afforestation under above said programs are **annexed**.
- (c) to (e) The Uttar Pradesh Forest Department is a nodal agency for carrying out the afforestation/plantation activities in the State with active participation of local communities. The forest and tree cover in Uttar Pradesh as per the India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2017 shows an increase of 877 sq. km compared to the forest and tree

cover as reported in ISFR, 2013. However, forest cover (23 sq. km) in Hathras region does not show any change for the period 2013-2017.

- (f) All the above schemes and programs will increase green cover and promote forest based economy in the country. The Uttar Pradesh Forest Department is also implementing various schemes like Social Forestry, Social forestry in urban areas, Green belt development scheme, Total Forest Cover scheme and Forest Cover Enrichment Scheme to increase green cover.

Green India Mission

The State wise details of area approved for afforestation and corresponding funds released under GIM is given below: -

Targets.: in hectare, Amount in Rs. Lakh

Sl. No.	States	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17			FY 2017-18		
		Target	Fund Released	Target		Fund Released	Targets		Fund Released
		Advance Work		Advance Work	Creation Work		Advance/Creation Work	Maintenance Work	
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	881	-	105.53	-	-	44.6
2	Chhattisgarh	19128	2338.55	-	19128	2023.017	-	19128	1095.272
3	Karnataka	760	105.53	-	760	86.853	-	760	85.734
4	Kerala*	4978	914.82	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Manipur	8798	834.84	-	8798	782.285	-	8798	641.579
6	Mizoram	-	-	19643	-	988.35	9774.6	-	2000
7	Odisha	2177.72	182.92	-	2094.4	138.964	-	2094.4	140.556
8	Punjab*	3000	611.53	-	-	-	1732	1286	621.73
9	Uttarakhand*	7483	2020.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		46324.7	7009.09	20524	30780.4	4125	11506.6	32066.4	4629.471

Note: *Fund were revalidated for utilization in FY 2016-17.

** The State of Punjab has also carried out creation activities apart from advance work due to sandy geo- morphology.

^Achievements as reported by States.

Sl. No.	States	FY 2018-19	
		Targets for Advance Work	Fund Released
1	Sikkim	1509.2	332.36
2	Maharashtra	6766.4	1030.188
Total		8275.6	1362.548

National Afforestation Programme

Approved Advance Work Area (in hectares)					
Year-wise Summary					
S. No.	State	15-16	16-17	17-18	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	913	445	1487	2845
2	Bihar	2500		2450	4950
3	Chhattisgarh	4475		2983	7458
4	Goa	0			0
5	Gujarat	2755			2755
6	Haryana	2195			2195
7	Himachal Pradesh	0		2139	2139
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0		2128	2128
9	Jharkhand	0			0
10	Karnataka	2580		2095	4675
11	Kerala *	0			0
12	Madhya Pradesh	3655		5255	8910
13	Maharashtra	4135		4150	8285
14	Orissa	1980		4565	6545
15	Punjab	0			0
16	Rajasthan	800		1400	2200
17	Tamil Nadu	1500			1500
18	Telangana	0			0
19	Uttar Pradesh	2985		0	2985
20	Uttarakhand	2132		2782	4914
21	West Bengal	0			0
	Total (Other States)	32605	445	31434	64484
22	Arunachal Pradesh	0		1010	1010
23	Assam	0			0
24	Manipur	0		1733	1733
25	Meghalaya	0			0
26	Mizoram	905		1750	2655
27	Nagaland	0		2085	2085
28	Sikkim	0	1914		1914
29	Tripura	2476		1835	4311
	Total (NE States)	3381	1914	8413	13708
	TOTAL	35986	2359	39847	78192

Year Wise Summary (Amount Released in Crore)					
S. No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	TOTAL
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.87	1.33	3.36	5.56
2	Bihar	5.01	2.18	4.23	11.42
3	Chhattisgarh	10.2	4.92	10.86	25.98
4	Goa	0	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	8.54	4.36	0	12.9
6	Haryana	0.72	3.5	2.71	6.93
7	Himachal Pradesh	0		1.72	1.72
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0		7.2	7.2
9	Jharkhand	0		0	0
10	Karnataka	1.05	7.33	3.24	11.61
11	Kerala	1.02		0	1.02
12	Madhya Pradesh	9.45	4	8.74	22.19
13	Maharashtra	14.9	4.76	6.73	26.39
14	Orissa	9.49	4.62	3.49	17.6
15	Punjab	0		0	0
16	Rajasthan	0.75		1.4	2.15
17	Tamil Nadu	1.42	1.56	0	2.98
18	Telangana	0		0	0
19	Uttar Pradesh	2.68	2.55	0.67	5.89
20	Uttarakhand	3.05		3.36	6.41
21	West Bengal	0		0	0
	Total (Other States)	69.16	41.1	57.71	167.97
	North Eastern states				0
22	<i>Arunachal Pradesh</i>	0		0.86	0.86
23	<i>Assam</i>	2.56		0	2.56
24	<i>Manipur</i>	3.67	1.21	3.19	8.07
25	<i>Meghalaya</i>	1.35		1.65	3
26	<i>Mizoram</i>	10.17	6.74	5.8	22.71
27	<i>Nagaland</i>	0	5.21	5.85	11.06
28	<i>Sikkim</i>	1.52	5.09	0	6.61
29	<i>Tripura</i>	5.73		4.94	10.67
	Total (NE States)	25	18.25	22.29	65.54
	G. Total	94.16	59.35	80	233.51
