

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO: 1
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.06.2019

Planting of Trees in Institutions of Higher Learning

***1.SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued/proposes to issue any guidelines for planting of trees such as Neem, Peepal, Banyan etc. inside and outside the campuses of institutions of higher learning in the country to provide healthy environment to the students and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government is aware that in many institutions of higher learning in the country including IIM Rohtak trees such as NeemPeepal, Jamun, Banyan etc. have not been planted inside and outside their campus due to which the institutes located near National Highways present a deserted look and if so, the reasons therefor, institution-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) & (b) A statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.1 due for reply on 21.06.2019 by Shri Kaushal Kishore regarding “Planting of Trees in Institutions of Higher Learning”.

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has issued letter to all States to consider inclusion of bamboo and medicinal plants in the afforestation activities being undertaken on degraded forest land and contiguous area. MoEF&CC also issued advisories to the State/UT Governments to take up plantation of local and indigenous species which would also include Neem, Peepal, Banyanm etc. on various occasions like Van Mahotsav, World Environment Day etc.
- (b) The plantation activities are taken up cross sectorally by various agencies including Government Departments, NGOs, Civil Societies, Corporate bodies, schools and other institutions. Species selection for plantation of trees is decided by the concerned authorities taking up plantation, considering the availability of saplings, location and purpose of plantation etc.

Ministry of Human Resource Development has already taken up programme of Smart Campus, where greening of campus is a major component. As per the information received from Ministry of Human Resource Development, IIM Rohtak has about 5000 trees which include Neem, Peepal, Jamun and Banyan trees also. It has also planned to plant another 4500 trees. In addition, IIM Bengaluru, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Raipur and IIM Udaipur also have adequate number of trees. All institutions of higher learning are free to take up plantations including trees of Neem, Peepal, Jamun and Banyan etc. inside and outside of their campus.
