

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5485**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

**Drive towards Afforestation**

5485.SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any drive towards afforestation and to check deforestation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to delegate the work of afforestation to the Panchayats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

(a) & (b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has decided to make plantation a people's movement through various programmes which will promote school nursery, urban forestry, planting trees on vacant lands, bunds on farm land etc. In addition, this ministry implements two major afforestation schemes namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for tree plantation in degraded forests through people's participation and National Mission for a Green India (GIM), for plantation on landscape basis. An area over 2 million ha. has been afforested with an investment of about Rs.3874 crore under NAP since its launching year 2000 and under GIM Rs. 166.97 crores released during last three years. The fund under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), *inter-alia*, is also used in plantation activity including compensatory afforestation.

Besides, tree plantation/afforestation activities are taken up cross-sectorally by various Departments, under various Central and State Plan/Non Plan Schemes.

(c) & (d) In consonance with the National Forest Policy 1988 emphasizing the local community based approach by creating a massive people's movement for achieving the objectives and to minimize pressure on existing forests, the concept of Joint Forest Management was launched and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) were formed in each State/UT Government which function on care and share principle. JFMCs have been recognized as organs of the Gram Sabha having active linkages with Gram Panchayats. Various schemes including NAP and GIM are being implemented by the Ministry and the State/UT governments with the participation of these committees.

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