

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

Plantation of Trees

5587. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether any programmes are being conducted to create awareness among school children towards clean environment and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any programme to ensure participation of school children in plantation campaigns and awareness programmes and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government is likely to set any target for large scale tree plantation during the monsoon season and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make tree plantation and their management, an integral part of school curriculum; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) “The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is implementing Environment Education, Awareness and Training scheme with the objective to promote environmental awareness among all sections of the society and to mobilize people’s participation for conservation of environment. Under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme of the Ministry, about one lakh schools have been identified as Eco-clubs, wherein, nearly thirty lakh students are actively participating in various environment protection and conservation activities, including plantation drives and other issues related to the environment management.

The Ministry has launched the Green Good Deed (GGDs) movement in January 2018 which is social movement with the aim of bringing about mass environmental awareness in the society at all levels.

Further, the Ministry has also been involved in promoting environment education to all sections of the society through various awareness programmes. Various outreach activities, theme-based exhibition galleries, etc. organized from time to time by the National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi and its four Regional Museums, located in Mysuru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Sawai-Madhopur”.

- (b) In order to ensure participation of school children in plantation campaigns and awareness programmes, a scheme named “School Nursery” is under implementation since 2016 from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund in which plants are raised by school children and planted. 1000 plants per nursery and 505 such school nurseries have been established in 13 States. The details of funds released to various States under this scheme is in Annexure-I.
- (c) Mass plantation during the monsoon are carried out by various State Governments from the fund made available by the Central and State Governments and other agencies. The Ministry provides funds for afforestation under National Afforestation Programme, Green India Mission and Compensatory Afforestation Fund. Afforestation targets in the country under 20 Point Programme are fixed annually by the Ministry in consultation with the States. Plantation target of 1.87 m. ha and 12137 lakh seedlings have been fixed for the current year (2019-20) under Twenty Point Programme – Annexure-II.
- (d)& (e) There is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to make tree plantation and their management an integral part of school curriculum.

Annexure – I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lak Sabha Unstarred Question No.5587 due for reply on 26.07.19 by Shri Rakesh Singh regarding Plantation of Trees

Year wise funds released under “School Nursery Yojana”

S. No	Name of State	No. of School Nurseries	Amount released
1	2	3	4
1	Assam	45	1,575,000.00
2	Chandigarh	10	350,000.00
3	Chhattisgarh	50	1,750,000.00
4	Haryana	21	525,000.00
5	Himachal Pradesh	10	250,000.00
6	Karnataka	30	1,010,000.00
7	Manipur	63	2,205,000.00
8	Mizoram	36	1,260,000.00
9	Odisha	30	750,000.00
10	Sikkim	19	475,000.00
11	Telangana	58	1,475,000.00
12	Tripura	15	525,000.00
13	West Bengal	118	3,230,000.00
Total		505	15,380,000.00

Annexure – II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lak Sabha Unstarred Question No.5587 due for reply on 26.07.19 by Shri Rakesh Singh regarding Plantation of Trees

State/UTwise targets of afforestation fixed under Twenty Point Programme for the year 2019-20

Sl.No	NAME OF STATE/UT	TARGET- 2019-20	
		Area of Plantation (Ha)	Number of Seedlings (in lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	233800	1519.70
2	Arunachal Pradesh	35	0.23
3	Assam	50	0.33
4	Bihar	23600	153.40
5	Chhattisgarh	94700	615.55
6	Goa	30	0.20
7	Gujarat	182100	1183.65
8	Haryana	26800	174.20
9	Himachal Pradesh	11250	73.13
10	Jammu and Kashmir	10830	70.40
11	Jharkhand	24050	156.33
12	Karnataka	70720	459.68
13	Kerala	18240	118.56
14	Madhya Pradesh	59000	383.50
15	Maharashtra	49600	322.40
16	Manipur	7900	51.35
17	Meghalaya	3260	21.19
18	Mizoram	4440	28.86
19	Nagaland	1270	8.26
20	Orissa	350000	2275.00
21	Punjab	5590	36.34
22	Rajasthan	66580	432.77
23	Sikkim	1860	12.09
24	Tamil Nadu	43290	281.39
25	Telangana	426900	2774.85
26	Tripura	4130	26.85
27	Uttarakhand	21080	137.02
28	Uttar Pradesh	113490	737.69
29	West Bengal	9370	60.91
30	A & N Islands	1150	7.48
31	Chandigarh	190	1.24
32	D & N Haveli	240	1.56
33	Daman & Diu	10	0.07
34	Delhi	1540	10.01
35	Lakshadweep	10	0.07
36	Puducherry	140	0.91
Total :		1867245	12137.09

