GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5604 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

Plantation of Trees

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures to safeguard trees that have been planted on the occassions of World Environment Day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount spent for the purpose so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The World Environment Day (WED) is being celebrated on June 5th of every year. During these celebrations people are encouraged to plant saplings. States also carry out various plantation activities such as mass plantation drives involving public participation coinciding this period. This year WED was celebrated with the theme of "Air Pollution", to promote clean air. On this WED 2019 seedlings were planted as symbolic celebration and an advertisement was also released encouraging all to plant a tree.

Tree Plantation/Afforestation being multi departmental activity are also taken up cross-sectorally by various Departments, NGOs, Civil Society, Corporate bodies etc. under various Central and State Plan/Non Plan Schemes.

After plantations of seedlings, maintenance work including watering/irrigating, weeding and casualty replacement is done by the implementing agency, to ensure good health and survival of plants and the expenditure for the same is met from various schemes of the centre and state like NAP, GIM, CAMPA funds MGNRGS, PMKSY etc. including EAP under which the plantations are carried out and as per the specific scheme guidelines
