

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1900
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

Plantation of New Saplings

1900. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government ensures that the trees felled in hilly areas as well as in the other areas of the country are replaced with new saplings;
- (b) if so, the number of saplings planted during the last three years and the current year and whether any complaints have been received for not planting new saplings in lieu of those cut down for setting up industrial units, State-wise; and
- (c) if so, the action taken on these complaints and the amount spent in this regard during the current year, State-wise and year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (c) The trees felled on the forest land in hilly areas as well as in other areas of the country in respect of diversion of forest for non-forestry purposes are compensated by undertaking Compensating Afforestation in compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval given under the provisions of the Forest (Converation) Act, 1980. Further, tree plantations are also being taken up under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry namely National Mission for a Green India (GIM), and Nagar Van Yojana/Nagar VatikaYojana, CAMPA fund etc. and under various programs/schemes of line Ministries such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, National Bamboo Mission, Sub-Mission on Agroforestry etc. and under various schemes of State Government /UT Administration, and by various departments, Non-Government Organizations, Civil Society, Corporate bodies etc. The multi departmental efforts have yielded good results in conserving forest and environment, which is evident from the fact that the forest cover is constantly increasing over the years. As per the latest ISFR 2021, the total forest cover of the country has increased by 12,294 square kilometers in the last seven years (ISFR 2015 to ISFR 2021).

Thecomplaints, as and when received regarding non planting of new saplings in lieu of those cut down for setting up industrial units are sent to respective States for appropriate action at their end.The state-wise details ofnumber of seedlings planted during last three years and the target for plantation for the current year are given in the Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1900 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19.12.2022 BY SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS: 'Plantation of New Saplings'.

(Saplings in lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
1.	A & N Islands	7.42	9.97	10.46	18.92
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1705.67	1562.43	964.87	1328.6
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.18	6.30	11.38	5.66
4.	Assam	30.40	58.39	75.45	43.81
5.	Bihar	68.83	397.48	389.00	313.11
6.	Chandigarh	0.70	1.99	1.19	0.91
7.	Chhattisgarh	294.75	435.49	266.08	297.64
8.	D & N Haveli	3.00	12.10	0.00	4.23
9.	Daman & Diu	1.11	1.02	0.00	31.85
10.	Delhi	28.81	32.41	34.95	1.11
11.	Goa	0.20	2.23	1.09	1086.67
12.	Gujarat	976.36	1409.66	1592.55	164.52
13.	Haryana	153.37	123.14	204.38	192.47
14.	Himachal Pradesh	76.61	111.15	110.53	135.00
15.	Jammu and Kashmir*	73.16	106.58	137.20	218.47
16.	Jharkhand	152.42	242.17	171.15	382.66
17.	Karnataka	283.59	524.81	251.01	83.27
18.	Kerala	72.73	142.60	0.00	0.98
19.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.13
20.	Madhya Pradesh	498.60	570.06	410.85	542.49
21.	Maharashtra	3454.71	278.40	535.49	1493.51
22.	Manipur	62.28	100.23	59.26	37.77
23.	Meghalaya	6.12	8.65	1.46	5.53
24.	Mizoram	28.76	30.96	70.84	39.52
25.	Nagaland	9.50	2.00	15.6	17.03
26.	Orissa	549.28	858.24	613.37	826.8
27.	Puducherry	0.89	5.70	1.86	3.32
28.	Punjab	53.93	173.59	120.41	138.52
29.	Rajasthan	160.19	215.23	267.52	245.31
30.	Sikkim	17.25	17.43	10.77	23.01
31.	Tamil Nadu	94.46	198.63	76.61	148.59
32.	Telangana	3817.61	2731.16	2013.6	1955.00
33.	Tripura	42.77	60.79	67.08	126.1
34.	Uttar Pradesh	2259.86	2587.45	3051.81	2896.34
35.	Uttarakhand	199.63	215.70	262.81	225.23
36.	West Bengal	237.88	734.46	0	342.16
	Total	15427.02	13968.65	11800.66	13376.24

Note: *Target for plantation of sapling for the current year.

**Sapling includes replacement