

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 912
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022

Plantation on Vacant Plots

912. Dr. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether the guideline under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to plant trees on the plots that have been left vacant for more than two years is followed;
- (b) whether any guidelines were issued to identify such vacant plots;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has details of such plantation drives specifically to the State of Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e):

National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) guidelines provide a list of actions to be undertaken for improvement of air quality in cities. Greening and landscaping of all the major arterial roads and national highways after identification of major polluting stretches is one of the activities to mitigate reduce pollution from road dust and Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste.

City action plans contain various air quality improvement measures inter-alia cover action plans for creation of green buffers along the traffic corridors and greening of open areas, gardens, community places, schools and housing societies.

4 cities of Gujarat under NCAP have prepared city action plans. Vadodara City in Gujarat formulated city action plan under NCAP which contains greening of 282 open spaces and vacant plots out of which greening of 20 plots under Miyawaki Technique has been completed. City has also identified 91,061 square meters of urban areas for greening.

Surat City has planted more than 1,75,000 trees along the traffic corridors. It has created oxygen park & Ashok van in city garden, and 12 verticals gardens have been developed in open spaces. Surat city action plan contains development of lakes, lake gardens, gardens and Bio-diversity parks in 108 hectares. Ahmedabad city has planted 1.16 million trees along the traffic corridors in FY 2021-22. Rajkot city action plan contains to greening of 34.5 km along roads.
