

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 457
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024

Plantation of Trees on Barren Land

457. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government for plantation, protection and promotion of trees on the waste and barren land at various locations in the country during the last five years and the next three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to conduct continuous study for the survey, research and development of forests through the Research Institute of the Forest Department, Forest Development Corporation, Indian Forest Survey, etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government to ensure the participation of the local people in the conservation and upkeep of the forests and to meet their needs and aspirations associated with the forestry, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change encourages plantation in the country through various programs/schemes such as National Mission for Green India (GIM), National Afforestation Programme (NAP), Nagar Van Yojana, School Nursery Yojana, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds, etc. which promotes tree plantation on waste, vacant and barren lands by involving local communities, local bodies NGOS, educational institutions, etc. The year wise number of trees planted and area covered under plantation across the country during the last five years is given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) & (c) The Ministry conducts scientific forestry research regularly, necessitating priorities for action with increasing recognition of the importance of forests for environmental health, energy and employment through Indian Council of Forestry

Research and Education (ICFRE) and its institutions, Forest Survey of India (FSI), Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, Wildlife Institute of India, etc.

Further, studies and researches are also being undertaken by many other agencies of the centre and state governments, including forest departments, forest corporations, remote sensing centers/agencies etc. and the findings/outcomes of which are also supplementing need based development of forests.

- (d) In consonance with the National Forest Policy 1988, the local communities are involved through Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) in the management of forests and various afforestation activities. Various schemes including Green India Mission, National Afforestation Programme, Forest Fire Protection and Management Scheme, and Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat are being implemented by the Ministry and the State/UT governments with the participation of these committees. Further, for the management of the Wildlife Protected Areas, Eco Development Committees (EDCs) are also formed to ensure people participation in wildlife conservation.

Annexure-1

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 457 due for reply on 05.02.2024 by Shrimati Poonam Mahajan regarding ‘Plantation of Trees on Barren Land’

Sl. No.	Financial Year	No. of Seedlings Planted (in Lakhs)	Area Covered under plantation (in Ha.)
1	2018-19	10968.56	1399686.00
2	2019-20	15023.88	2057903.45
3	2020-21	13968.65	2211071.80
4	2021-22	11800.66	1776960.44
5	2022-23	12109.14	1852792.70
