

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1866
TO BE ANSWER ON 29.11.2019

Land Degradation Neutrality Programme

1866. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
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SHRI A. RAJA:
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DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

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

- (a) the details of the Land Degradation Neutrality programme along with the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the programme during the last three years and the current year across the country, State/ UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of targets set and achievements made so far under the programme during the said period, State/ UT-wise including Tamil Nadu indicating the reasons, if any, for not achieving the targets set;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to raise its target within the country, if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the funds likely to be sanctioned for the purpose and the time by which it is likely to be allocated;
- (d) whether the Government has set the target of restoration of fifty lakh hectares of degraded land by 2030 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has planned to set up a Centre for Excellence for land degradation neutrality in Dehradun for developing research technology to combat land degradation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) and (c): Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme is a programme of United Nations convention to Combat Desertification. At the twelfth session of the Conference of Parties of the UNCCD held in October 2015 in Ankara, Turkey, country Parties reached a breakthrough agreement to endorse the vision of LDN and link the implementation of the Convention to the SDGs in general, and target 15.3 in particular(

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 15.3 states: “By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world.”). India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change being the focal point for the Convention has recently committed to it and is working out the ways to achieve it. So the details of state-wise information is not available.

(d) Yes, the Government has set the target of restoration of fifty lakh hectares of degraded land by 2030. During CoP-14 held in September 2019 in the country, India has raised its ambition of the total area that would be restored from its land degradation/desertification status, from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares between now and 2030. The details of the programme are being worked out.

(e):Yes, the Government has planned to set up a Centre for Excellence for land degradation neutrality in Dehradun for developing research technology to combat land degradation. The details are being worked out in the Ministry.
