

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2020

Plantation of Trees on Banks of River Ganga

2672. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to plant trees on the banks of the river Ganga in view of soil erosion in Malda, West Bengal every year;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per information received from Ministry of Jal Shakti, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has sanctioned project “Forestry Intervention for Ganga” to West Bengal Forest Department at a cost of Rs.35.46 crores for the period from 2016 to 2020, for plantation of trees on Ganga Bank districts including Malda district of West Bengal as per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. Details of sanctioned project are given below:

Year	Total area sanctioned (in Ha.)	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in crores)
2016-17	830.00	11.16
2017-18	2785.00	8.48
2018-19	819.77	10.09
2019-20	1030.96	5.73
Total	5465.73	35.46

As per the information received from State Project Management Unit, Namami Gange Project, West Bengal, Malda Division has taken up River Bank Plantation over 10 ha at Balupur (5 ha) and Bhutni (5 ha), both on the bank of River Ganga, in the year 2017-18 under “Namami Gange Project”, but due to heavy flood both the plantation have been damaged.
