

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4544
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2020

Eco Sikh Organisation

4544.SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of contribution by Organizations like Eco Sikh in increasing green cover by pledging to plant more than 1 million trees on the occasion of 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and creating and maintaining more than 150 forests throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to help these type of Organizations in increasing green/forest cover of the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) As per the information received from Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation, Punjab, the State has planted approximately 77 lakh plants in 12986 villages in cooperation with communities, NGOs and civil societies to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.
- (c) The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018 provides for use of the funds for establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of Quality Planting Material (QPM). Such QPM may be used for improving and expanding forest in the State including with the help of local people, NGOs, etc. Some States including Punjab, are providing free saplings to NGOs for taking up plantations in their State. The Government of Punjab has also launched a scheme titled “Ghar Ghar Haryali” under which 32 lakhs plants have been supplied to various stakeholders including ECOSIKH and other NGOs.
