

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2826
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

Assistance for Tree Plantation

2826. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has provided financial and technical assistance to State Government of Gujarat for tree plantation schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;
- (c) the amount of financial assistance provided to Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the number of trees planted during the last three years with the said financial assistance, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) implements two major afforestation schemes for increasing forest resources in the country, including Gujarat, namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for tree plantation in degraded forests through people's participation and National Mission for a Green India (GIM), for plantation on landscape basis. Besides, the funds are released under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to States/UTs for carrying out afforestation activities. An amount of Rs. 233.19 crore has been released to Gujarat under NAP since inception of the scheme in 2000 and an area of 1,08,214 ha has been sanctioned for new afforestation in the corresponding period.
- (c) and (d) During last three years no funds have been released to Gujarat under NAP and GIM. However, an amount of Rs. 1484.60 crore, as share of the State as per Compensatory Fund Act, 2016, has been transferred to State CAMPA of Gujarat from National Authority of CAMPA during 2019 for taking up various activities including afforestation as per approved Annual Plan of Operation (APO).

Further, tree plantation, is a multi-departmental, multi-agency activity, and is also being taken up cross-sectorally under various programmes/funding sources of other ministries/ organizations and also through State Plan budgets. The details of year-wise (2017-18 to 2019-20) funds released under various schemes to Gujarat

and seedlings planted under various schemes/agencies as reported by the State are given below:

Year- wise Details of funds released under NAP, GIM, CAMPA and number of Seedlings planted (in Lakhs) during the last three years 2017-18 to 2019-20.

Sl.No	Year	Funds released under NAP and GIM (Rs. in crores)	CAMPA funds sanctioned (Rs. in crores)	Number of seedlings planted (in Lakhs)
1.	2017-18	Nil	27.00	1177.56
2.	2018-19	Nil	212.66	979.93
3.	2019-20	Nil	0.00	976.36
	Total		239.66	3133.85
