

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4038
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

Plantation of Tree

4038. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is implementing any scheme to give financial and technical assistance to the people in Rajasthan for plantation of trees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;
- (c) the total financial assistance allocated/sanctioned to the State Government of Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the number of trees planted with the said assistance during the last three years, 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 Rajasthan, 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, afforestation is a major activity under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund as per the provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and the Rules made thereunder.
- (c) and (d) During last three years, an amount of Rs. 3.35 crore has been released to Rajasthan under NAP. No fund has been released under GIM during this period to Rajasthan. Further, an amount of Rs. 1748.26 crore, as share of the State as per Compensatory Fund Act, 2016, has been transferred to State Compensatory Afforestation Management Planning Authority (CAMPA) of Rajasthan from National Authority of CAMPA during 2019 for taking up various activities including afforestation as per approved Annual Plans of Operation (APO).

The details of year-wise (2017-18 to 2019-20) funds released under NAP, GIM and CAMPA to Rajasthan, and seedlings planted under various schemes/agencies including NAP, GIM and CAMPA as reported by the State are given below:

Sl.No	Year	Funds released under NAP (Rs. in crores)	Funds released under GIM (Rs. in crores)	CAMPA funds released (Rs. in crores)	Number of seedlings planted (in Lakhs)
1.	2017-18	1.40	Nil	179.00	300.67
2.	2018-19	1.95	Nil	182.03	203.56
3.	2019-20	Nil	Nil	267.69*	160.19
	Total	3.35		628.72	664.42

(* = APO for the year 2019-20, amounting to Rs. 267.69 crore was sanctioned)

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.
