### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1852 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

#### **National Afforestation Programme**

1852. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the annual targeted area of afforestation under the National Afforestation Programme during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps the Government proposes to undertake in order to achieve the same;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds to the National Afforestation Programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. During the last three years an area of 37,110 hectares has been approved for plantation under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and plantation has been carried out over 50,063 hectare area.
- (b) & (c) Question does not arise.
- (d) & (e) The Ministry has approved merger of NAP into Green India Mission (GIM)and accordingly financial allocation for both the schemes is provided under one budgetary head so that the overall efforts are augmented. The budget allocation for the merged scheme has increased from Rs. 160 crore in the year 2020-21 to Rs. 250 crore during the year 2021-22.

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