

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 57**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021

**National Afforestation Programme**

57. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented National Afforestation Programme in the country and if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved the annual targeted area of afforestation under the said programme during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds to the National Afforestation Programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken by the Government to increase tree plantation in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has implemented a scheme National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme since 2000-01. The overall objective of NAP was ecological restoration of degraded forests and to develop the forest resources with peoples' participation, with focus on improvement in livelihoods of the forest-fringe communities, especially the poor. NAP aimed to support and accelerate the on-going process of devolving forest conservation, protection, management and development functions to the Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. The scheme was implemented by three tier institutional setup through the State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at the state level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level and JFMCs at village level.
- (b) &(c) 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.
- (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. 220 crore during the year 2021-22.

The Ministry has been making constant efforts to increase forest and tree cover and has taken several initiatives towards tree plantation activities in the country. Afforestation programmes under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of the Ministry such as National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and National Mission for a Green India (GIM), are implemented with participatory approach. The funds under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), *inter-alia*, is used for forest and wildlife management related activities including compensatory afforestation. The Ministry also promotes tree plantation as people's movement through School Nursery Yojana and Nagar Van Yojana. Tree plantation/afforestation being the multi-departmental effort, also taken up across sectorally by various departments of the Centre and State Governments, Non-Government Organizations, civil society, corporate bodies etc.

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