

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOKSABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2377**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

**Hariyali Mahotsav**

2377. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently organised a Hariyali Mahotsav;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of programmes being organised in the said Mahotsav;
- (c) the aims and objectives of celebrating Hariyali Mahotsav in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to initiate a drive to encourage the people to create awareness about the importance of trees and plantation for the future generation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to bring together some Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) working in the field of environment to plant more trees across the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (e) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change had organized “Hariyali Mahotsav”, the Tree Festival, at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi, on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 for celebrating tree plantation and commemorating 75 years of Independence as ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’. The event was organised in collaboration with the State Governments, Police Institutions of NCT Government of Delhi and Schools of Delhi for undertaking plantation drives and awareness generation to protect environment.

More than 2500 people participated in person including School Students from Delhi, Members of Eco-Task Force, and Members of Non-Government Organisation along with officials from various Ministries participated in the programme.

On the occasion of 'Hariyali Mahotsav' ceremonial plantations like 75 Nagar Vans, 75 degraded forest sites, along 75 km of road, around 75 Police establishments in Delhi and in 75 schools of Delhi were undertaken across the country through people's participation involving School Children, NGOs, Civil Societies, officials of Police and other Govt. departments.

The Ministry has issued several advisories for involvement of people encouraging their participation in various tree plantation programmes on occasions like Van/ Haryali Mahotsav, World Environment Day, and World Forestry Day etc. States and UT Governments carry out various afforestation drives to achieve their afforestation targets including mass plantation drive involving public participation.

Further, tree plantation/ afforestation being the cross-sectoral effort, is however, done by various departments, Non-Government Organizations, civil society, corporate bodies etc.

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