

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2442
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

Protection/Promotion of Trees on Barren Land

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SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government for plantation, protection and promotion of trees on the waste and barren land at various locations in the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of the plan of the Government for conducting continuous study for the survey, research and development of forest through the Research Institute of the Forest Department, Forest Corporation, Indian Forest Survey and the Remote Sensing Centre;
- (c) the year-wise details of the budget allocated for these activities during the last three years; and
- (d) the State-wise details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure the participation of the local people in the conservation and up keeping of the forests and to meet their needs and aspirations associated with the forestry?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change encourages plantation in the country including Rajasthan State through programmes and schemes such as National Afforestation Programme (NAP), National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Nagar Van Yojana, School Nursery Yojana, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), etc. which promotes tree plantation on vacant lands and bunds on farm lands etc. by involving local communities, NGOs, educational institutions, local bodies, etc.
- (b)&(c) National Forest Policy (NFP), 1988 which has been the guiding document for forest management, emphasizes scientific forestry research, necessitating adequate strengthening of the research base as well as new priorities for action with increasing recognition of the importance of forests for environmental health, energy and employment. Many research institutes/organisations under the aegis of the Ministry like Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute (IPIRTI), Forest Survey of India(FSI), etc. have been involved continuously in undertaking survey of forest

resources and research studies relating to development of forestry sector. The details of mandate/activities undertaken and budget allocation during last three years for ICFRE and FSI are given in *Annexure*. Further, studies and researches are also being undertaken by many other agencies of the centre and state governments, including forest departments, forest corporations, remote sensing agencies etc., the findings/outcomes of which are also supplementing need based development of forests.

- (d) In consonance with the National Forest Policy 1988 emphasizing the local community based approach by creating a massive people's movement for achieving the objectives and to minimize pressure on existing forests, the concept of Joint Forest Management was launched and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) were formed in each State/UT Government which function on care and share principle. JFMCs have been recognized as organs of the Gram Sabha having active linkages with Gram Panchayats. Local Communities are involved through Joint Forest Management Committees in the management of forests and various afforestation activities. Various schemes including NAP and GIM are being implemented by the Ministry and the State/UT governments with the participation of these committees. Further, for the management of the Wildlife Protected Areas, Eco Development Committees (EDCs) are also formed to ensure people participation in wildlife conservation.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b)&(c) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 2442 due for reply on 01.08.2022 Shrimati Ranjeeta Koli, Shri Sumedhanand Saraswati and Dr. Manoj Rajoria regarding 'Protection/Promotion of Trees on Barren Land'

Details of Budget allocation for the last three years 2019-20 to 2021-22

Sl. No.	Institute/ Organization	Details of Activities	Budget Details								
1.	Indian Council of Forest Research and Education(ICFRE)	ICFRE and its institutes conducts research through ICFRE plan funding in following thrust areas of research: 1. Managing Forests and Forests Products for Livelihood Support and Economic Growth. 2. Biodiversity Conservation and Ecological Security 3. Forest and Climate Change 4. Forest Genetic Resource Management and Tree Improvement	Total Budget allocation to ICFRE during last three years is as follows: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Year</th><th>Budget allocated (Rs. Crore)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2019-20</td><td>230.00</td></tr><tr><td>2020-21</td><td>218.02</td></tr><tr><td>2021-22</td><td>230.00</td></tr></tbody></table>	Year	Budget allocated (Rs. Crore)	2019-20	230.00	2020-21	218.02	2021-22	230.00
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2.	Forest Survey of India (FSI)	FSI undertakes assessment of country's forest resources and presents findings of its mapping and forest resources assessment activities at the national level biennially, by publishing India State of Forest Report (ISFR).	Year-wise budget allotment by the Ministry to FSI: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Years</th><th>Budget Allotted(Rs in Crore)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2019-2020</td><td>34.00</td></tr><tr><td>2020-2021</td><td>26.00</td></tr><tr><td>2021-2022</td><td>33.10</td></tr></tbody></table>	Years	Budget Allotted(Rs in Crore)	2019-2020	34.00	2020-2021	26.00	2021-2022	33.10
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