

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

Afforestation Programme

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

- (a) the present status of afforestation in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to give financial incentives to certain agencies which will take part in such projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action plan formulated by the Government to control unrestricted exploitation of natural resources in the country ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) The Ministry has taken up several initiatives for afforestation in the country and the present status of the schemes through which funds are provided for afforestation to the States/UTs are as below -

- (i) National Mission for a Green India (GIM) is aimed at protecting, restoring and enhancing India's forest cover through Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) in the participating States/UTs, under which a sum of Rs. 944.48 crores have been released to 17 States and 1 Union Territory for creation of plantations/eco-restoration.
- (ii) The Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) to create forest/green spaces in urban and peri-urban areas is implemented through the State/UT Forest Departments and Urban Local Bodies and Ministry has sanctioned a total of 546 projects in 31 States/ UTs and released Rs. 431.77 crore.
- (iii) The School Nursery Yojana (SNY) which involves students in seedling nursery creation and planting is implemented in recognized public and private schools. A total of 743 projects in 19 States/UTs have been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs. 4.80 crore.
- (iv) The "Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes" (MISHTI) scheme has been launched to restore and promote mangroves as unique, natural eco-systems and for preserving and enhancing the sustainability of the coastal habitats. A total of Rs. 17.96 crores has been released to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Odisha, West Bengal and UT of Puducherry.

- (v) The *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* campaign was launched on 5th June, 2024 to promote voluntary planting of trees as a mark of love, respect and honour for mothers and planting of more than 1 billion seedlings has been achieved under this initiative.

Besides, funds under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) are utilized for afforestation and related activities as per the provision of the *Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam*, 1980 and the Rules made thereunder.

The Ministry, on occasions like International Day of Forests, World Environment Day, *Van Mahotsav*, Wildlife Week, etc. promotes participation and involvement of public and related agencies in mass tree plantation programmes on a voluntary basis.

The unrestricted exploitation of natural resources in the country is being controlled through enforcement of the relevant Acts/Rules/regulations.
