

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

National Forest Policy

1641. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) the current percentage of area under forest and tree cover across the country till date;
- (b) the details of initiatives taken by the Government to increase the forest and tree cover of the country to 33 per cent as per the National Forest Policy;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to amend the National Forest Policy to renew the provisions in line with recent developments in climate change; and
- (d) 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 KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) As per the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) – 2023 published by Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, 25.17% of the geographical area of the country is under forest and tree cover.
- (b) The Ministry provides technical and financial assistance to States/UTs under various schemes and programs namely, Green India Mission, Nagar Van Yojana, Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI). The tree plantation campaign “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” was also launched during June, 2024 to undertake plantation activities across the country.

Afforestation activities are also taken up under various programmes and schemes of line Ministries such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, National Bamboo Mission, Sub-Mission on Agroforestry etc. and under schemes of State Government/UT Administration. The multi departmental efforts have yielded good results in conserving and enhancing the forest cover in the country.

(c) & (d) India's climate actions across various sectors are embedded in various programme and schemes. The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) provides the overarching framework for all climate actions and comprises missions in specific areas of solar energy, enhanced energy efficiency, sustainable habitat, water, sustaining Himalayan ecosystems, Green India, sustainable agriculture, human health and strategic knowledge for climate change. All these Missions are institutionalized and implemented by their respective Nodal Ministries/ Departments.
