

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1350**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

**Commitments to UNCCD**

1350. SMT. MAHIMA KUMARI MEWAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any programmes in Rajasthan to combat land degradation and desertification under its commitments to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and related national action plans;
- (b) if so, the status and outcomes of such initiatives, district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to develop or conserve wildlife corridors in areas such as Kumbhalgarh and Todgarh-Raoli Wildlife Sanctuaries, located in Rajsamand district; and
- (d) the details of compensatory afforestation activities and utilisation of CAMPA fund in Rajsamand district during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
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- (a) & (b) Combatting desertification and land degradation is a dynamic process requiring, adaptive strategies, coordinated stakeholder engagement and continuous monitoring. India adopts a multi-pronged strategy to ensure sustainability in desert regions and combat land degradation through monitoring, research, policy interventions, and community participation. Some of the key initiatives taken to combat land degradation and desertification include the publication of the Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India by the Space Applications Centre (SAC), which provides state-wise data on land degradation, aiding planning and implementation, and an online portal developed by SAC which links degraded areas with causative processes helping in better planning and mitigation measures. A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Land Management has been set up at ICFRE Dehradun which promotes land degradation neutrality, facilitates South-South cooperation, shares India's cost-effective land management practices, and supports capacity building while the ICFRE Institute, Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI) Jodhpur conducts forestry research to enhance vegetation and biodiversity in arid zones.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched a number of afforestation schemes/programmes which also address the problem of land degradation and desertification, namely the Green India Mission (GIM),

Nagar Van Yojana (NVY), School Nursery Yojana (SNY), the Eco-Development Forces (EDF) scheme, the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) and funds under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) which are utilized for control of desertification through afforestation, water conservation and management in arid areas including Rajasthan. The State Government of Rajasthan is also implementing Climate Change and Combating Desertification (CC&CD) programme for combating land degradation and desertification. The details of these initiatives are given at **Annexure - 1**.

Further, the '*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*' campaign was launched on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 with the objectives of halting and reversing land degradation, build drought resilience, prevent desertification and increase the green cover of the country through voluntary planting of trees on a "Whole of Government" and "Whole of Society" approach, and the State of Rajasthan has planted 7.27 crore trees saplings till end of March, 2025 under this campaign.

- (c) The proposal for creation of Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve has been accorded 'in-principle' approval by the Ministry. The creation of a tiger reserve brings conservation and protection of wildlife corridors in focus.
- (d) The details of the compensatory afforestation activities and utilisation of CAMPA fund in Rajsamand district during the last five years is given at **Annexure 2**.

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## Annexure-1

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1350 regarding 'Commitments to UNCCD' raised by Smt Mahima Kumari Mewar due for reply on 28.07.2025.**

**District wise details of plantation activities under various schemes in Rajasthan in last five years:**

<b>Name of the Scheme/Programme: Climate Change and Combating Desertification</b>							
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District/ Year</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total (Area in Ha)</b>
1	Ajmer	250	25		100	250	625
2	Barmer	250	150	625	1650	800	3475
3	Bikaner	600	330	1605	2600	3100	8235
4	Churu	200	200	224	160	250	1034
5	Ganganagar	200	120	935	1950	2400	5605
6	Hanumangarh	200	130	720	2000	700	3750
7	Jaisalmer	875	610	2296	3600	5245	12626
8	Jalore	-	-	-	300	150	450
9	Jhunjhunu	400	440	950	300	850	2940
10	Jodhpur	75	70	270	600	1175	2190
11	Nagaur	350	425	1005	1290	1655	4725
12	Sikar	700	400	1370	900	900	4270
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>2900</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>15450</b>	<b>17475</b>	<b>49925</b>

<b>Name of the Scheme/Programme: Eco-Task Force</b>							
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District/ Year</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total (Area in Ha)</b>
1	Jaisalmer	600	600	600	600	600	3000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>3000</b>

<b>Name of the Scheme/Programme: National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC)</b>							
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District/ Year</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total (Area in Ha)</b>
1	Barmer	-	-	550	650	-	1200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1200</b>

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## Annexure-2

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1350 regarding 'Commitments to UNCCD' raised by Smt Mahima Kumari Mewar due for reply on 28.07.2025**

**Details of compensatory afforestation activities and utilization of CAMPA fund in Rajsamand district during the last five years:**

S. No.	Year	Compensatory Afforestation Activity	Area (in Ha.)	Utilization (In Lakh)
1	2020-21	Compensatory Afforestation- Non Forest land (CA-NFL) maintenance	29.54	1.42
		Compensatory Afforestation- Degraded Forest land (CA DFL) maintenance	70.62	2.23
Total				3.65
2	2021-22	Compensatory Afforestation- Non Forest land (CA-NFL) maintenance	29.54	1.49
		Compensatory Afforestation- Degraded Forest land (CA DFL) maintenance	70.62	2.34
Total				3.83
3	2022-23	Transmission Line Medicinal Plants Advance Action	19.12	9.76
		Compensatory Afforestation- Non Forest land (CA NFL) Plantation	3.94	2.52
		CA NFL maintenance	29.54	1.67
		CA NFL maintenance	70.62	4.26
Total				18.21
4	2023-24	Transmission Line maintenance	19.12	42.32
		CA NFL maintenance	33.48	2.46
		CA DFL maintenance	70.62	4.37
Total				49.15
5	2024-25	Transmission Line maintenance	19.12	19.47
		CA NFL maintenance	33.48	1.94
		Compensatory Afforestation- Degraded Forest land (CA DFL) Advance Action	497.714	91.83
		CA DFL maintenance	70.62	4.24
		100 Tree Planting	100 Tree	0.58
Total				118.06
Grand Total				192.90

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