

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1804
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

SUPPORT FOR AGROFORESTRY

1804. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting diversification from the wheat-paddy cycle to timber/agroforestry farming in Punjab; if so, the policy framework and objectives thereof;
- (b) whether any financial assistance, income support or incentives are being provided to farmers during the transition period, keeping in view that timber crops generally require 4-5 years to mature and if so, the scheme-wise details, eligibility criteria and beneficiaries;
- (c) whether support has been extended for plantation, maintenance and risk mitigation under the Sub-Mission on Agroforestry or other Central/State schemes; and
- (d) whether the Government has put in place marketing and value-chain support mechanisms, including market linkages, industry tie-ups or price assurance, to ensure remunerative returns to timber farmers, and if so the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a), (b) & (d): As reported by State of Punjab, agroforestry is being promoted in the State through their Scheme of Crop Diversification through Agroforestry (CDAF) under Green Punjab Mission to diversify from wheat-paddy cycle and to reduce pressure on forests. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to farmers during the transition period. All the farmers who undertake agroforestry are eligible for Direct Benefit Transfer under the Scheme. Details of the financial assistance provided under the Scheme are at **Annexure**. To promote market for agroforestry produce, the licensing procedure for wood based industries depending on Agroforestry timber has been simplified by the State.

(c): Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) was implemented by the Government from 2016-17 to 2021-22 to promote agroforestry across the country including State of Punjab. Under the scheme financial assistance was provided to farmers for nursery development, boundary plantation, block plantation of prominent tree species and maintenance. Rs.10.3595 Crore was released to Punjab for implementation of the scheme during this period. The Mission was restructured as Agroforestry component of Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) from 2023-24 with focus on supply of quality planting material (QPM). Punjab has not opted for this component.

Cost norms and Financial Assistance pattern under Crop Diversification Agro-Forestry (CDAF) Project in Punjab

| Sr. No. | Details | Cultivation/plantation of any Agroforestry trees other than clonal eucalyptus | | | | | | | | Cultivation/plantation of clonal eucalyptus | | | | | | | |
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| | | Peripheral/Boundary and low density plantations | | | | High density plantations | | | | Peripheral/Boundary and low density plantations | | | | High density plantations | | | |
| | | 1 to 625 plants/ha. | | | | More than 625 plants/ha. | | | | 1 to 625 plants/ha. | | | | More than 625 plants/ha. | | | |
| | | Indicative Unit Price 120/- per plant | | | | Indicative Unit Cost 75000/- per ha | | | | Indicative Unit Price 100/- per plant | | | | Indicative Unit Cost 62500/- per ha | | | |
| | | Planting Year | 1st Year Maintenance | 2nd year Maintenance | Total cost (Rs.) | Planting Year | 1st Year Maintenance | 2nd year Maintenance | Total cost (Rs.) | Planting Year | 1st Year Maintenance | 2nd year Maintenance | Total cost (Rs.) | Planting Year | 1st Year Maintenance | 2nd year Maintenance | Total cost (Rs.) |
| 1 | Total Project Cost per plants/Hac | Rs 60/- per plant | Rs 30/- per plant | Rs 30/- per plant | Rs 120/- per plant | Rs 37500/- per hac | Rs 18750/- per hac | Rs 18750/- per hac | Rs 75000/- per hac | Rs 50/- per plant | Rs 25/- per plant | Rs 25/- per plant | Rs 100/- per plant | Rs 31250/- per hac | Rs 15625/- per hac | Rs 15625/- per hac | Rs 62500/- per hac |
| 2 | 50% Financial Assistance in the ratio of 50:25:25 | Rs 30/- per plant | Rs 15/- per plant | Rs 15/- per plant | Rs 60/- per plant | Rs 18750/- per hac | Rs 9375/- per hac | Rs 9375/- per hac | Rs 37500/- per hac | Rs 25/- per plant | Rs 12.5/- per plant | Rs 12.5/- per plant | Rs 50/- per plant | Rs 15625/- per hac | Rs 7813/- per hac | Rs 7813/- per hac | Rs 31250/- per hac |
| 3 | Margin of farmer @ 50% | Rs 30/- per plant | Rs 15/- per plant | Rs 15/- per plant | Rs 60/- per plant | Rs 18750/- per hac | Rs 9375/- per hac | Rs 9375/- per hac | Rs 37500/- per hac | Rs 25/- per plant | Rs 12.5/- per plant | Rs 12.5/- per plant | Rs 50/- per plant | Rs 15625/- per hac | Rs 7813/- per hac | Rs 7813/- per hac | Rs 31250/- per hac |
