

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026

Urban Forests in Beed District

2575. SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE:

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

- a) whether the Government is aware that Beed district of Maharashtra is a drought-prone district where depletion of ground water level, limited green cover and adverse impacts of climate change are severe;
- b) if so, the number of urban forests approved, developed or proposed so far in Beed district under the Nagar Van Yojana;
- c) the location-wise details of such approved or proposed urban forests, along with their current progress and the timeframe for completion;
- d) whether the Government is considering to include Beed district in a special priority category keeping in view environmental balance, rainfall augmentation and water conservation; and
- e) if so, the details of the proposed action plan, financial provisions and implementing agencies in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (e) Environmental challenges such as water scarcity, limited green cover and climate variability affect several districts in the country. However, various afforestation and ecological restoration activities are undertaken through Central and State Government programmes to improve green cover, which contribute in mitigating environmental challenges.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is implementing the Nagar Van Yojana, a demand-driven scheme, for the creation and development of urban forests in cities through Forest Department, Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and other Urban Local Bodies with financial support from the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAMPA), under which proposals for development of urban forests received from State Governments are considered by the Ministry in accordance with the scheme guidelines and subject to the availability of suitable land and funds. The scheme aims to enhance urban green cover, conserve biodiversity and provide ecological, recreational and educational benefits to urban residents. However, no proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra seeking approval of an urban forest under the scheme in Beed district. Further there is no special priority category programme keeping in view environmental balance, rainfall augmentation and water conservation with this Ministry.

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