GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2747 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2015

Planting of Trees

2747. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT: SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV: SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI: SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHNAGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide incentives to the farmers for planting more trees on their fields and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) if not, whether the Government is intending to formulate such scheme for the benefit of farmers and ecology as well; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has no scheme to provide incentives to the farmers for planting more trees on their fields. However, to promote agroforestry in the country, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has enacted the National Agroforestry Policy, 2014.

The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing National Agroforestry and Bamboo Mission (NABM) as a sub scheme of Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) since 2006-07 in all the States except Haryana. Financial assistance is being provided to farmers for bamboo cultivation in non-forest area, improvement of existing stock and demonstration of plantation technology etc.