GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.443 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.04.2016

National Mission for Green India

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

- (a) the targets and achievements made so far under the National Mission for Green India (GIM);
- (b) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted Perspective Plans and Annual Plan of Operations(APOs) under the said mission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the employment /skill generation potential under the GIM; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) The National India Mission for Green India (GIM) has been launched by the Union Government as a part of National Action Plan on Climate Change in February 2014 with the following targets:
 - i. Enhancing quality of forest cover and improving ecosystem services from 4.9 million hectares of predominantly forest lands, including 1.5 million hectares of moderately dense forest cover, 3 million hectares of open forest cover, 0.4 million hectares of degraded grass lands.
 - ii. Eco-restoration/afforestation to increase forest cover and eco system services from 1.8 million hectares forest/non forest lands, including scrub lands, shifting cultivation areas, abandoned mining areas, ravine lands, mangroves and sea-buckthorn areas.
- iii. Enhancing tree cover in 0.2 million hectares Urban and Peri-Urban areas (including institutional lands).
- iv. Increasing forest cover and eco-system services from Agro-forestry and Social Forestry on 3 million hectares of non-forest lands including highways, rural roads.
- v. Restoration of 0.1 million hectares of wetlands and the eco system services thereof.
- vi. Improving fuel-use efficiency and promoting alternative energy sources in project area households.
- vii. Enhancing Community livelihood of 3 million households.

Two meetings of National Executive Council were held on 6th May 2015 and 9th October 2015 and Perspective Plan and Annual Plan of Operations of ten States namely Uttarakhand, Punjab, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Mizoram, Manipur, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala were approved. Sanctions amounting to Rs. 7009.09 lakh have been issued to seven States namely, Karnataka, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Kerala and Manipur during the year 2015-16.

- (b) & (c) State Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted Perspective Plans and Annual Plan of Operations under the said Mission. The Plans were examined and the State Government has been asked to revise the plans in accordance with the mission guidelines.
- (d) & (e) The GIM Implementation Guidelines state that the Mission has the potential to develop about one lakh skilled local community youth who would provide support in community based forest conservation, community livelihood enhancement and change monitoring etc.
