

whereas the gain of 8 Sq. Km. is due to the improvement in density.

The afforestation/tree planting activities are carried out under various Central Sector Schemes/Centrally

Sponsored Schemes and State Plan Schemes. The *Statement* showing achievement of afforestation and tree planting activities in Assam during the last two years and the targets for the year 1994-95 under the 20 Point Programme is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Afforestation and tree planting targets and achievements for the State of Assam under the 20-Point Programme

(Area : in hectares)

(Seedlings in lakhs)

1992-93				1993-94				1994-95	
Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement		Target	
Seeding Dist.	Area	Seeding Dist.	Area	Seeding Dist.	Area	Seeding Dist.	Area	Seeding Dist.	Area
25.00	25,000	11.80	22,486	30.00	27,5000	20.76	18,144.50	25.00	25,000

Seedling Distribution is for planting on private lands.

Area is for public lands including forest lands.

Purna Inter-state Irrigation Project

4086. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have released 166 hectares of forest land from Maharashtra for Purna Inter-State Irrigation Project, but have yet to release 9105 hectares of forest land from Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Approval in principle for diversion of 166 hectares of forest land in Maharashtra 9.105 hectares forest land in Madhya Pradesh for Purna Inter-State Irrigation Project has already been accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

New Railway Line

4087. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: