

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1876**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**PROMOTING AGRO FORESTRY**

1876. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has initiated any plan/ scheme to promote agro-forestry in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of areas which have been identified for the said agro-forestation, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to the farmers engaged in agro-forestry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to them during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has implemented Har Medh Par Pedh scheme/ programme to promote agro-forestry in the country and if so, the details of achievements made and financial assistance provided in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) was implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare since 2016-17 to encourage tree plantation on farm land along with crops/ cropping systems to help the farmers get additional income. The scheme has now been restructured as an Agroforestry Component under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and focuses on Quality Planting Material. Under the scheme, financial assistance is

being provided to the beneficiaries for establishment of nurseries and raising of saplings.

(b): The SMAF was implemented in 21 States viz Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and 2 Union Territories (UTs) viz Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The scheme was implemented in the States having liberalized transit regulations for transport of timber. The restructured Agroforestry Component is being implemented under RKVY and for the current financial year, Annual Allocation has been made to 25 States and 2 UTs as shown in Annexure I.

(c): Under the restructured Agroforestry Component of RKVY, financial assistance is being provided to farmers for establishing nurseries and raising saplings. The details of cost norms of assistance being provided is shown at Annexure-II

(d): State wise details of release of funds for promotion of agroforestry during last three years and fund allocation for the current year is shown at Annexure-I

(e): Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) was implemented from 2016-17 to 2021-22 with the motto of "Har Medh Par Ped", to encourage tree plantation on farm land along with crops/ cropping systems to help the farmers get additional income. Under this scheme, an area of 1,61,238 Ha has been brought under plantation, 899 nos. of nurseries have been established and about 683 lakh trees have been planted. An amount of Rs. 15583.64 Lakh has been released to States/UTs during the years 2016-17 to 2021-22.

**Annexure-I to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1876 due for answer on 01.08.2023**

**State-wise details of funds released for Promotion of Agroforestry**

S.No.	Name of the State	Funds released (Under erstwhile SMAF) (Lakh Rs.)*			Allocation of Funds under Agroforestry of RKVY (Lakh Rs.)**
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2023-24
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	50.00
2	Assam	0	0	0	200.00
3	Bihar	100.00	20.00	0	50.00
4	Chhattisgarh	200.00	100.00	36.22	300.00
5	Goa	0	0	0	50.00
6	Gujarat	400.00	400.00	233.16	1150.00
7	Haryana	0	0	0	100.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	83.42	75.00	0	200.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	75.00	0	300.00
10	Jharkhand	200.00	0	0	300.00
11	Karnataka	700.00	536.62	250.00	1250.00
12	Kerala	0	0	42.00	50.00
13	Ladakh	0	50.00	0	121.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	12.00	450.00
15	Maharashtra	75.00	160.00	0	400.00
16	Manipur	0	0	100.00	100.00
17	Meghalaya	0	26.24	0	200.00
18	Mizoram	175.00	100.00	40.44	200.00
19	Nagaland	72.60	108.70	0	128.00
20	Odisha	75.00	150.00	123.40	200.00
21	Punjab	250.00	137.50	0	700.00
22	Rajasthan	0	0	0	100.00
23	Tamil Nadu	230.50	334.19	0	899.00
24	Telangana	0	0	0	100.00
25	Uttar Pradesh	200.00	400.00	0	900.00
26	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	100.00
27	West Bengal	0	0	0	100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2761.52</b>	<b>2673.25</b>	<b>837.22</b>	<b>8698.00</b>

\*Sub-Mission of Agroforestry (SMAF) was discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2022

\*\* Annual Allocation for Agroforestry Component under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

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**Details of Cost Norms of Assistance being provided under the Agroforestry Component of RKVY**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of interventions</b>	<b>Unit (Upper Limit) (Rs. In Lakh)</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	<b>Establishment of new nurseries</b>			100% assistance to Government agencies for taking up the work on Government land and 50% assistance to Private Agency/ individual entrepreneur
	(a) Hi-Tech ( 2 ha)		50.00	
	(b) Big (1 ha)		16.00	
	(c) Small (0.5 ha)		10.00	
2.	<b>Raising saplings in the existing nursery</b>	Upto Rs. 5.00 Lakh/nursery		
3.	<b>Establishment of Tissue Culture Units</b>			
	(a) Strengthening of existing tissue culture units		20.00	100% assistance to Government agencies and 50% back ended credit linked assistance for private partners
	(b) Establishment of new tissue culture units		200.00	100% assistance to Government agencies and 50% back ended credit linked assistance for private partners

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