

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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TREE PLANTATION IN WASTELAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Paper Industry have sought the permission of the Government to set up tree plantation on waste and idle land in the country;
- (b) whether any consultations have been held with the State Governments on the request of the paper industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether foreign companies have shown interest in the matter of investment in the tree plantation;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (g) the guidelines fixed for the utilization of wasteland by the paper industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

- (a): No such request has been received in the Ministry of Rural Development.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e) & (f): Does not arise.
- (g): No Specific Guidelines for the utilization of wasteland by the Paper Industry have been issued. However, in June 1999, Ministry of Environment and Forests issued Guidelines for participation of private sector through involvement of NGOs and Forest Department in afforestation/rehabilitation of degraded forests.