

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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AGRO FORESTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agro forestry accounts for 69 per cent of the gross forest area;
- (b) if so, the status thereon in the forest policy of the country;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to encourage farmers for plantation of trees on agriculture land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, whether the Government proposes to formulate such scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) The National Forest Policy, 1988 provides for social forestry, farm forestry etc. on the various categories of land other than notified / recorded forests. These activities including agro forestry can be undertaken on non forest land.

(c)to(f) The State Governments are encouraging plantation of trees on various categories of non forest lands to meet the requirement of the people for timber and timber products to reduce the pressure from forest areas. As per India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2009,the growing stock of the woody biomass is 1,599 million cubic metre out of the total 6,098 million cubic meter from Forest and Tree cover. Further Gram Van Yojana scheme, mooted by Government of India, envisages planting on non forest land during 12th five year plan.