

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:306
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2010
NATIONAL MISSION FOR GREEN INDIA
Biswal Shri Hemanand ;Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of decline in areas under forest cover;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the ``National Mission for Green India`` announced under the National Action Plan on Climate Change envisages stepping up afforestation;
- (d) if so, the other salient features of the Mission and the States/ UTs likely to be covered; and
- (e) the funds earmarked for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SH. JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a)to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.306 on 'National Mission for Green India' by Shri Hemanand Biswal : Shri Kachhadia Naranbhai due for reply on 01.12.2010

(a) As per the India State of Forest Report 2009 published by the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, the overall change at the country as compared to the previous assessment of 2005 shows a net gain of 728 sq km. in the forest cover.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c),(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The National Mission for Green India announced under the National Action Plan on Climate Change envisages stepping up afforestation activities.No allocation has been made for this purpose as the mission document has not been finalized.