

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:47
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PROTECTION OF TREES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of trees and plants are affected every year due to lack of plant/tree protection programme by various civic agencies in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the total number of trees which fell/got uprooted during each of the last three years and the current year, area-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to take assistance from specialized agencies including the Forest Institute of India, Dehradun to protect the plants and trees; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Delhi Cantonment Board (DCB) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) have informed that no trees and plants are reported to be affected due to lack of protection. Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed that it takes sufficient precautions so that no tree is damaged and that even around the trees planted on roadside, sufficient place is left non-concretised to allow water to percolate in the root zone.

However, the number of trees fallen or got uprooted in the NDMC area due to age and natural reasons like storms, etc during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year Number of trees
fallen due to wind, etc

2007-08	71
2008-09	92
2009-10	84
2010-11	52
(till December, 2010)	

Similarly, the number of trees got uprooted in the MCD area due to rain and storm during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year Trees got uprooted
due to rain and storm

2007-08	63
2008-09	261
2009-10	245
2010-11	283
(till date)	

(c) & (d): MCD and DCB has no such proposal. However, the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun had carried out the survey of health of trees on around 48 roads and Central Vista in the NDMC area. A total of 6288 trees were inspected out of which, 5507 trees were found healthy, 435 trees dead or decayed, 86 trees deformed, 221 trees diseased and there was physical injury on 145 trees. Out of these, 196 trees were recommended for removal/treatment.