

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

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PANCHAYAT VAN YOJANA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new scheme "Gram/Panchayat Van Yojana" in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient feature thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the socio-environmental fall-out due to its non-implementation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) ,(b),(c),(d) and(e) No Sir. However, the draft document of National Mission for a Green India was prepared and finalized in series of consultations with State Forest Departments, member of civil society and other stakeholders. The Green India Mission has been approved by the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change which aims to increase forest and tree cover on 5 million ha. and to improve forest cover on another 5 million ha. area by involving local level institutions of Gram Sabha like Joint Forest Management Committees, Van Panchayats etc. The preparatory activities like workshops, brainstorming session for implementation of Green India Mission has been initiated. The Mission period is for 10 years from 2012-13 and the year 2011-12 is a preparatory year for which Rs.200 crore has been announced in the Budget speech for the year 2011-12.