

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for plantations of some specific plants including prairie on roof tops of high rise buildings in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the energy consumption by planting trees on high rise buildings ?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests does not have any specific scheme for plantations of specific plants including prairie on roof tops of high rise buildings in the country. However, funds are provided to the States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country. Besides, the Ministry has also initiated National Mission for Green India for enhancing ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, water & food security, biodiversity, as well as other provisioning services such as fuel, fodder, small timber and non-timber forest products (NTFPs) alongwith supply of non-conventional energy devices to the local communities.