

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of Social Forestry Programme in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (c) whether the said programme is functioning satisfactorily in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The Ministry of Environment & Forests does not have any specific scheme for implementation of social forestry programme in the various states of the country. However, the Ministry is implementing the National Mission for a Green India (GIM), envisaged as one of the eight Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). GIM is in the preparatory stage of its implementation, in which activities under social forestry has also been proposed. Two submissions under GIM on Enhancing tree cover in Urban and Peri urban areas (0.2 million ha) and Agro forestry & Social forestry (3 million ha) primarily focus on the non forest areas.

The implementation of social forestry programme has been regularly reviewed in the State of Maharashtra. The physical & financial achievements of social forestry programmes in Maharashtra during the last three years i.e. 2009-10 to 2011-12 are given in the Annexure.