

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTING OF SAPLINGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)/Delhi Government has planted 10 lakh saplings in the National Capital Territory (NCT) during the Commonwealth Games, 2010;
- (b) if so, whether only 20% of the plants have survived due to lack of watering facilities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) the reasons for planting saplings again in the same areas without making proper arrangements for regular water supply?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Directorate of Local Bodies, Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that the Horticulture Department of the erstwhile Municipal Corporation Delhi (now North, South and East Delhi Municipal Corporations) had planted 6,39,659 saplings on roads, roundabouts, etc in its jurisdiction during the Commonwealth Games, 2010. The total expenditure incurred in this regard was Rs.2.77 crore. The plantation was maintained by the Corporation and watering was done by using departmental tankers. No additional expenditure was incurred on maintenance. It has further been informed that maintenance was up- to-date and proper till these roads were handed over to the Public Works Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi in February-March, 2012.