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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND AFFORESTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large hectares of land has been covered in Gujarat under Environment Protection and Afforestation;

(b) if so, the total funds have been spent on the same by the State Government of Gujarat;

(c) whether the Government intends to share the expenditure incurred by Gujarat and other States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government towards environmental protection and afforestation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. As per information provided by the State Government of Gujarat, about 339382.02 ha of land has been covered under afforestation in the State during the last three years, incurring an investment of Rs. 1228.61crores.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) which is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme for tree plantation and eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining areas of the country through people's participation. During the last three years through NAP, an amount of Rs 80.87 crores have been released to Gujarat for afforestation works in 17830 hectares. Besides NAP, MoEF also is implementing the National Mission for Green India (GIM) on landscape approach with people's participation. An amount of Rs.1.34 crores has been released to Gujarat State under GIM for addressing preparatory activities in two identified landscapes during 2011-12. Apart from NAP, funds for afforestation are also provided to the States including Gujarat under other Centrally Sponsored Schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), National Bamboo Mission, 13th Finance Commission etc.