

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

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TARGETS UNDER PLANTATION

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

- (a) Whether the Government has fixed any target for afforestations/tree plantations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government provides any assistance to states for achieving these targets;
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance provided for this purpose;
- (e) whether some states have not utilized the funds provided by the Union Government; and
- (f) if so, the names of such States and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Afforestation/Tree plantation targets under Item No.51 A (Area Covered under Public and Forest Lands) and 51 B (No. of Seedlings Planted) of Twenty Point Programme is fixed by Ministry of Environment and Forests annually to States/UTs. State wise targets for the years 2010-11 , 2011-12 and 2012-13 are given in Annexure. The afforestation under Twenty Point Programme is taken up cross sectorally under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as National Afforestation Programme (NAP), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Funds, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), National Bamboo Mission, 13th Finance Commission etc. and also under different State Plan/ Non Plan Schemes.

(c) and (d) 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 in the country through people's participation. So far, an amount of Rs. 2991.67 cr. has been provided to the states since the inception of NAP in the year 2000. Apart from NAP, afforestation is also done out of the funds released to the states under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). During the last 4 years, an amount of Rs. 3790.63 cr. of CAMPA Fund has been released to the States.

(e)and (f) Major portion of funds released under NAP is utilized by the programme States, however, the unspent amounts, if any, are adjusted and accounted for in the subsequent release of funds to the State(s).