

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme named `Green India Mission` for afforestation of degraded land in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress achieved under the said Mission;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned and utilised so far, State-wise; and
- (d) the extent of land cover restored so far, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Mission for Green India is a new programme by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC). The Mission aims to increase forest and tree cover on 5 million ha area and improve quality of forest cover on another 5 million ha area as well as to improve ecosystem services, forest based livelihood and enhance carbon sequestration. The Green India Mission envisages landscape approach and participatory planning and will be implemented by Gram Sabha, Joint Forest Management Committees and other local institutions. The proposed total Mission cost is Rs. 46,000 crore spread over ten years coinciding with 12th and 13th Five Year Plan Periods.

An amount of Rs.49.95 crores was released to 21 States for carrying out preparatory activities like outreach activities, micro planning, nursery development, landscape survey, entry point activities , soil moisture conservation etc. in the identified landscapes under the Green India Mission during 2011-12. Rs.23.57 crore has so far been utilised by the states on the preparatory activities. The State-wise details of funds sanctioned and utilised are given in Annexure. The major interventions like the afforestation activities have not yet been approved under this programme.