

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage farmers for plantation of trees in their own fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide plants to farmers free of cost to develop plantation of trees in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The National Mission for Green India is a new initiative by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC). The mission document aims to increase forest and tree cover on 5 million ha area and to improve quality of forest cover on another 5 million ha area. Out of this about 2.3 million hectare is envisaged for Agro-Forestry in non-productive agricultural lands involving the farmers along with provision of quality seedlings at a subsidized price and institutional financial support to farmers.

Afforestation on farm lands is also done through schemes of other Ministries including Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development. The State Governments have various schemes to supply saplings at discount rates to public including farmers.