

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION OF TEAK TREES

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to encourage farmers to grow teak trees in their fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any estimation of area of land in acres used at present to grow teak wood trees in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is no specific proposal to encourage farmers to grow teak trees in their fields. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests is providing funds to the States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Afforestation Programme (NAP), for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country. The choice of species to be planted under NAP is decided by the Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs), based on local preferences, suitability and agro-climatic conditions.

(c) & (d) As per Forest Sector Report India 2010, published by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, the total area under teak plantation in India is reported to be 16,93,094 ha. Further as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2011, the estimated number of teak trees outside the forest are at the national level is 1,05,146. The details of area under teak plantation are given at Annexure-I.