

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Revival of Ecological System

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

- (a) whether any policy is being implemented regarding revival of ecological system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and status of implementation thereof; and
- (c) whether any study has been conducted in this regard, if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) The concerns of environmental stability and ecological security including the revival of ecological system are covered within the ambit of the National Forest Policy, 1988, the National Environment Policy, 2006 and the National Wildlife Action Plan. The National Forest Policy, 1988 aims to have a minimum of one-third of the total land area of the country under forest or tree cover. As per the India State of Forest Report, 2013, the country's forest and tree cover is 24.01% of geographical area.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is supporting the efforts of State Governments in improving and increasing the forest cover through various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as National Afforestation Programme (NAP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), National Bamboo Mission (NBM). In addition, financial assistance is also available under different State Plan/ Non- Plan Schemes, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), externally aided projects and Finance Commission Grants.
