

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

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Plantation of Trees

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to increase tree plantation in the forest areas of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has issued guidelines to the States for plantation of trees along the National Highways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the trees species identified for the purpose; and
- (d) the response of the States thereon?

**Answer**

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

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for tree plantation in degraded forests at Pan India level through people's participation and also launched the National Mission for a Green India (GIM) which aims to increase forest & tree cover on 5 million ha area and to improve quality of forest cover on another 5 million ha area. An area over 2 million hect has been afforested with an investment of about Rs.3545 crore under NAP since its launching year 2000. The State-wise sanctioned area and fund released during the last three years under NAP and funds released for preparatory activities under GIM is given in the Annexure-I and II. The fund under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), interalia, is also used in plantation activity including compensatory afforestation. The details of CAMPA funds released to the States during the last three years are shown in Annexure-III. Besides, afforestation being the multi-departmental effort, is also taken up under centrally sponsored MGNREGA Scheme, Integrated Watershed Management scheme, National Bamboo Mission and various State Plan & Non-Plan Schemes.

(b) to (d) As per the information received from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, at present, plantation of trees along the National Highways is done as per the codal provisions of Indian Roads Congress (IRC:SP:21-2009).

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