

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

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Plantation Programme

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for plantation programme in the country to achieve 33 per cent required forest cover and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any target of tree plantation for various States in the country and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether steps have been taken by the States to achieve the fixed targets, if so, the details thereof along with the achievements in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) In consonance with the National Forest Policy to achieve 33% forest and tree cover in the country, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is implementing two major Tree Plantation/afforestation schemes in the country i.e. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme and National Mission for a Green India (GIM). While NAP is being implemented for afforestation of degraded forest lands, GIM aims at improving the quality of forest/increase in forest cover besides cross sectoral activities on landscape basis. These Schemes are implemented in participatory mode under Joint Forest Management (JFM) approach. An area of about 21 lakh ha has been approved for new afforestation with an investment of around Rs. 3700 crores under NAP since inception in 2000 till 2016-17. Under GIM an amount of Rs.174 crores has been released since 2011-12 to 2016-17 for preparatory and perspective plan.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Afforestation/Tree plantation targets in the country under Item No.51 (a) (Area Covered under Public and Forest Lands) and 51 (b) (No. of Seedlings Planted) of Twenty Point Programme (TPP) is fixed by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) annually to States/UTs. Afforestation/Tree plantation achievements in the country under Twenty Point Programme (TPP) are compiled in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The details of State/UT wise Targets & achievements for Point 51(a) and Point 51 (b) during last three years are given in Annexure-I& II.

Tree Plantation/Afforestation activities are taken up cross sectorally by various departments, NGOs, Civil Society, Corporate etc. under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and also under different State Plan/Non Plan Schemes including Externally Aided Projects.
