

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:132  
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AFFORESTATION PROGRAMMES  
Patel Smt. Jayshreeben

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

- (a) the details of the schemes/ programmes implemented by the Government for afforestation /tree plantation in the country;
- (b) the details of annual target fixed by the Government for afforestation/tree plantation and achievement made during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to effectively utilize media to spread public awareness regarding conservation of forests and environment in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)(b), (c) and (d) A statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.132 due for reply on 16.07.2014 by Shrimati Jayshreeben Patel regarding Afforestation Programmes.

(a) The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme which is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme for eco-restoration of degraded forests in the country through people's participation. The scheme is implemented through a decentralized set up of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at the state level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level and the Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. Since the inception of this programme in the year 2000, Rs. 3399.85 crores has been released for treating an area of 20.71 lakh hectares. The state wise details of the funds released since inception of the scheme under NAP is given in the Annexure - I and the approved area for treatment is given in Annexure - II.

MoEF & CC is also implementing the National Mission for a Green India that aims to increase forest & tree cover on 5 million ha area, improve quality of forest cover on another 5 million ha area, augment forest based livelihood of local communities and also to improve ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, biodiversity & hydrological services. The state wise details of the funds released under GIM are given in the Annexure III.

(b) 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 are fixed by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) annually. The details of annual targets fixed for the last three years and current year is given in Annexure IV and achievement for last three years is given in Annexure V.

(c) and (d) This Ministry is implementing Environmental Education Training Scheme under which awareness campaign using print and electronic media, besides other mass media to enhance awareness about various environmental issues are taken up. The activities envisage advertisement in print and electronic media, publicity through exhibitions, films, plays, etc.

To spread public awareness regarding conservation of forests and environment in the country, Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities through modes of mass communication i.e print media, radio and TV are taken up in National Afforestation and Eco-development Board Scheme (NAEB). For meeting area and region specific communication needs, assistance is also provided to FDAs, Regional Centres of NAEB and other organizations at the Central and State levels for undertaking IEC activities in a decentralized manner.