

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a special cell which will look into matters related to green clearance environment friendly technologies, environmental impacts of rail operations and other such issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all issues related to environment will be brought under the said bill for better monitoring and prompt decision and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes the plantation of trees on Railway land; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The High Level Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri T.S.R. Subramanian, former Cabinet Secretary to the Govt. of India to review various Acts administered by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, in its Report inter-alia recommended for (i) creation of National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) at the Central level and State Environment Management Authority (SEMA) at the State level as full time processing/ clearance/ monitoring agencies. Within the NEMA, it is proposed to have a specialised technical cell in specified and related subject matters in the administration of environment management and (ii) creation of a new umbrella law – Environmental Laws (Management) Act (ELMA). The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change is examining the recommendations of the High Level Committee; however, the Report of the Committee has been put in public domain for wider dissemination.

(c) & (d) There is no specific Centrally sponsored scheme to raise plantation of trees on railway land. The Green India Mission envisages plantation on institutional land and plantations along the highways and railways tracks.