

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3410**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/03/2020

**Forest Cover in Haryana**

3410. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for expanding the forest cover in Haryana, especially in Karnal, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal for expanding the forest cover, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to undertake a plantation drive in Haryana on a large scale and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

- (a) to (c) The National Forest Policy (NFP), 1988, envisages a minimum of one-third of the total land area of the country under forest or tree cover. For increasing and improving forest cover in the country, including in Haryana, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has taken several initiatives. These include Centrally Sponsored Schemes, such as National Afforestation Programme, National Mission for Green India and Development of Wildlife Habitats. Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 also contain provisions for taking up assisted natural regeneration, artificial regeneration and silvicultural operations in forest, which contribute to improvement and increase in forest cover. During the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 amounts of Rs. 80.00 crore and 144.20 crore respectively was released by Ad-hoc CAMPA to Haryana for taking up various activities. Further, Government of India has disbursed an amount of Rs. 1282.65 crore from National Fund to Haryana, in August 2019, as share of the State for taking up various activities including afforestation under the provisions of Compensatory Fund Act, 2016.

Afforestation and tree planting activities, including in non-forest areas, are also taken up under various programme/funding sources of other Ministries of Government of India such as, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and under the schemes/plans of States and Union Territories and also by corporate bodies, public institutions, civil society/NGOs public sector undertakings, etc.

As per the information received from Government of Haryana, plantation of 1.67 crore, 1.34 crore and 98.53 lakh seedlings were undertaken in the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.

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