

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 755
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

Schemes to Increase Forest Resources

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

- (a) the details of schemes implemented by the Union Government to provide financial assistance to State Governments to increase forest resources in the country;
- (b) the funds provided by the Government under the said scheme to Haryana during the last two years;
- (c) the status of forestation in the country as per the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) during last two years;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Haryana to increase the forest resources in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) implements two major afforestation schemes for increasing forest resources in the country namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for tree plantation in degraded forests through people's participation and National Mission for a Green India (GIM), for plantation on landscape basis.

Besides, the funds are released under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to States/UTs for carrying out afforestation activities, which also increases green cover.

- (b) An amount of Rs.1282.65 crore has been transferred to State CAMPA of Haryana state from National Authority of CAMPA during 2019 for taking up compensatory afforestation. However, no funds have been provided to the State of Haryana under NAP and GIM during the last two years.
- (c) The latest 'India State of Forest Report (ISFR 2019) revealed that the total forest and tree cover of the country is 807,276 square kilometres (which is 24.56 percent of the geographical area of the country) compared to 802,088 sq km (24.39 percent) in ISFR 2017. There is an increase of 5,188 sq. km. of forest and tree cover combined, at the national level, as compared to the previous assessment i.e. ISFR 2017.

(d) and (e) Under CAMPA Annual Plan of Operation for Rs. 96.84 crore and Rs. 181.29 crore was approved for 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively for taking up various activities including afforestation. No proposal from Haryana has been received for afforestation under National Afforestation Programme during the last two years and under Green India Mission, State of Haryana has submitted its perspective plan for landscape based afforestation.
