

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3951**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**Increase in Forest Cover**

3951. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:  
SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the forest cover in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds disbursed to States by the Government during the last three years, States/UTs-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to increase public awareness on animal rights; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) Various schemes are being implemented by Central and State Government/Union Territory Administration for improvement of forest cover in the country. These include National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and Green India Mission (GIM) being implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Afforestation activities are also taken up under various programmes/funding sources such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, PradhanMantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana, Compensatory Afforestation Funds under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Afforestation activities are also taken up under various schemes of State Government /UT Administration.

Besides, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is also implementing National Agroforestry Policy since 2014. One of the goal of the National Agroforestry Policy 2014 is meeting the ever increasing demand of timber, food, fuel, fodder, fertilizer, fibre and other agroforestry products, conserving the natural resources and forest; protecting the environment & providing environmental security; and increasing the forest/tree cover. Also, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo.

The State /UT-wise details of fund released under National Afforestation Programme Green India Mission and Compensatory Afforestation Funds for the last three years are given in **Annexure-I, II and III**.

- (c) & (d) The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), has taken steps for raising public awareness about animal welfare. It has issued several advisories and circulars to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for effective functioning of State Animal Welfare Boards/District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering to animals and to address issues related to cruelty to animals. The Board has also issued circulars regarding awareness during the World Rabies Day (28 September), World Animal Day (4 October), Animal Welfare Fort-Night Celebrations (14-30, January) and VasanthPanchami Celebrations every year. Further, the Board has nominated the representatives to co-ordinate with the State Governments regarding the issues pertaining to prevention of cruelty to animals, and is regularly issuing the authorization letter for the colony animal caretaker to encourage the compassionate citizens who are feeding the stray animals.

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## Annexure I

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3951  
due for answer on 19.03.2021 regarding 'Increase in Forest Cover'.**

Details of State wise funds released under National Afforestation Programme

<b>(Rupees in Crore)</b>				
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.36	6.38	0.00
2	Bihar	4.23	0.00	1.18
3	Chhattisgarh	10.86	7.82	5.71
4	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Haryana	2.71	0.00	0.00
7	Himachal Pradesh	1.73	2.92	0.52
8	Jammu & Kashmir	7.20	0.00	0.00
9	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Karnataka	3.24	10.99	0.00
11	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	8.74	7.78	0.00
13	Maharashtra	6.73	15.33	0.00
14	Odisha	3.49	11.36	8.45
15	Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Rajasthan	1.40	1.95	0.00
17	Tamil Nadu	0.00	2.07	0.00
18	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Uttar Pradesh	0.67	0.32	0.00
20	Uttarakhand	3.36	2.58	0.00
21	West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total (Other States)</b>	<b>57.71</b>	<b>69.51</b>	<b>15.87</b>
	<b>North Eastern States</b>			
22	Arunachal Pradesh	0.86	0.00	0.00
23	Assam	0.00	0.58	0.00
24	Manipur	3.20	4.38	0.00
25	Meghalaya	1.65	0.74	0.00
26	Mizoram	5.80	7.79	0.00
27	Nagaland	5.85	6.41	2.35
28	Sikkim	0.00	5.98	0.00
29	Tripura	4.94	0.00	3.76
	<b>Total (NE States)</b>	<b>22.29</b>	<b>25.87</b>	<b>6.11</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>95.38</b>	<b>21.98</b>

**Annexure II**

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**State-wise details of funds released under Green India Mission.**

**(Rupees in Crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.4460	2.6662	-
2	Chhattisgarh	10.953	5.3607	5.0360
3	Karnataka	0.85734	1.6234	2.2099
4	Kerala	-	-	16.3181
5	Manipur	6.4158	4.8881	4.16229
6	Mizoram	20.00	22.364	17.70901
7	Odisha	1.4056	4.7433	14.18919
8	Punjab	6.2173	-	3.1857
9	Madhya Pradesh	-	24.159	30.65298
10	Maharashtra	-	10.302	-
11	Sikkim	-	3.3236	3.1242
12	West Bengal			9.426488
<b>Total</b>		<b>46.29504</b>	<b>79.4303</b>	<b>106.014</b>

## Annexure III

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**Details of fund released from Adhoc CAMPA for Implementation of APOs of State  
CAMPA**

(Rupees in Crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.33	1.56	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	97.00	104.47	322.97
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	354.15	0.00
4	Assam	70.00	45.84	55.89
5	Bihar	30.31	46.62	140.08
6	Chandigarh	1.13	1.27	1.87
7	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	848.51
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Goa	0.00	0.00	17.95
12	Gujarat	27.00	212.66	0.00
13	Haryana	80.00	144.20	96.84
14	Himachal Pradesh	120.00	132.52	145.82
15	Jammu & Kashmir	69.00	0.00	0.00
16	Jharkhand	234.00	286.25	399.29
17	Karnataka	86.00	101.40	146.21
18	Kerala	8.00	14.61	0.00
19	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	200.00	268.76	506.38
21	Maharashtra	199.00	225.00	499.38
22	Manipur	29.50	24.85	30.36
23	Meghalaya	7.00	0.00	0.00
24	Mizoram	6.85	8.30	19.23
25	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Odisha	509.00	554.00	592.52
27	Puducherry	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Punjab	64.00	79.20	64.72
29	Rajasthan	179.00	182.03	267.69
30	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	54.38
31	Tamil Nadu	12.68	7.00	0.00
32	Telangana	127.00	237.38	510.00
33	Tripura	7.10	16.70	16.74
34	Uttar Pradesh	144.00	150.60	285.68
35	Uttarakhand	96.00	303.00	218.00
36	West Bengal	0.00	21.22	70.07
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,404.90</b>	<b>3,523.59</b>	<b>5310.68</b>