

11. Hoardings have been installed at important fishing bases like Chandanipal, Karanjamal, Paradeep Fishing Jetty, Jamboo, Talchua, Devi-nasi, Gangadevi, Jahaniapira, Nuagarh (Astaranga), Gundalva, Chandrabhaga, Purunabanda, Gokharkuda and Kantiagada for public awareness.
12. Turtle carcasses floating ashore and nesting activities are being meticulously counted by the camp personnel each day.
13. A Central Monitoring Unit in the office of the Chief Wildlife Warden is functioning with the responsibility of monitoring the operation carried out in each camp on a day to day basis. It is receiving and compiling information from the concerned Divisions.
14. A High Level Committee has been constituted by the State Government under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Orissa for reviewing the sea turtle protection activities from time to time for coordinating among various Departments and the Indian Coast Guards.

**Increase in forest cover in the country**

163. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to increase the green forest area by 5 million hectares;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to take action against all those who have encroached the forest area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Green India Mission envisages increase in forest and tree cover on 5 million hectare area and improvement in quality of forest and tree cover on another 5 million hectare area in next 10 years starting from the year 2012-13, besides enhancing eco-system services and increase in forest based livelihood income of households living in and around the forests.

(c) and (d) The action against the encroachments in the forest areas is the responsibility of the State Government as per prevailing rules and regulation in force.