

Annual Plans of Operation submitted by the State CAMPAs for the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, amounts of Rs. 983 crores, Rs. 1034 crores and Rs. 824 crores, respectively have been released.

### **Green India Mission in Chhattisgarh**

†3429. SHRI SHIVPRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) the progress made under National Green India Mission in Chhattisgarh; and
- (b) the details of new steps being taken by Government for afforestation of degraded forest areas of the state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) The National Mission for Green India is a new initiative by the Ministry of Environment and Forests which focuses the landscape and aims to increase forest and tree cover on 5 million ha area and to improve quality of forest cover on another 5 m ha area as well as to improve ecosystem services, forest based livelihood and enhance carbon sequestration in the country. The mission is to be implemented for 10 years from 2012-13. The year 2011-12 was the preparatory year and Rs. 9.72 Crore has been released to Government of Chhattisgarh for carrying out institutional capacity building, micro-planning, entry point activities, nursery preparation etc.

(b) Apart from Green India Mission, a grant of Rs. 5000 crores under the 13th Finance Commission has been awarded to incentivize the states for preservation and maintenance of their forest cover which also includes the state of Chhattisgarh. The Ministry of Environment and Forests is providing 100% financial assistance under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for the ecorestoration and regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country. The scheme guidelines has been revised to further decentralize the scheme administration to the States, modify the institutional arrangements, streamline the fund flow, and two new components of value addition & marketing and capacity building of village communities are included with a view to enhance the delivery of the programme. Afforestation activities are also being taken up under Externally Aided Projects in 12 States.

### **Prevention of illegal mining in protected forest areas**

3430. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has formed a Forest Advisory Committee to map no-go areas for mining in the country;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.