

Plan to improve the quality of forests

809. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's plan to increase and improve the quality of India's forests is facing shortage of funds;

(b) whether the Green India Mission will achieve its goal of increasing the forest cover and improving the quality of forests by 2020 with paucity of funds; and

(c) if so, with resource mobilisation difficulty whether the Ministry is dovetailing the mission with resources from other programmes of Government, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (c) the National Mission for Green India Mission is one of the eight missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) envisaging increased forest/tree cover on 5 m ha lands and improved quality of forest cover on another 5 m ha (a total of 10 m ha). The approved Expenditure Committee recommendation provides funding of Rs.2000 crores under Twelfth plan outlay, along with Rs. 400 crores from Thirteenth Finance Commission Grants towards State's share. It also spells out convergence with CAMPA to the tune of Rs. 6000 crores, with MNREGS to the tune of Rs. 4000 crores and with National Afforestation Programme for Rs. 600 crores. Thus, as per approved EFC, total expenditure proposed for GIM will be Rs. 13,000 crores during the Twelfth plan and a one year spillover into the Thirteenth Plan. The Mission relies heavily on the convergence of schemes and programmes of many Ministries/ Departments (particularly the MGNREGS and CAMPA) in the landscapes being identified under the Mission. Convergence with CAMPA is subject to Hon'ble Supreme Court's concurrence.

Dumping of dangerous chemicals/acids in rivers

†810. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that dangerous and toxic chemicals, oil and acid are being dumped in rivers and mines by more than 100 industries located at Saver Road near Indore in Madhya Pradesh;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.