

**Legislation for protection of trees**

\*79. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a Central legislation for protecting and preserving trees outside the forest areas;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a National Tree Transplantation Policy is in the pipeline and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) Protection and preservation of trees outside forest areas are ensured by State Governments under the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, State Forest Acts and Tree Preservation Acts of specific States and rules made thereunder. Protection and preservation of trees within and outside forest areas are primarily the responsibility of respective State/UT Governments.

(c) and (d) National Forest Policy, 1988 gives policy directions for conservation, protection and management of forests. Transplantation/Translocation is a process of physically shifting of plants/trees from one place to another. Translocation is done to save trees being sacrificed where felling become inevitable. Such action is covered under the broad guiding principles of the National Forest Policy, 1988. Therefore, there is no need to have a separate policy exclusively for translocation of trees.

**Revenue from auction of coal mines**

\*80. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of coal mines operationalised out of the coal mines auctioned;
- (b) the amount of coal mined in each of these mines after their auction; and
- (c) the amount of revenue Government and each of the States have earned from these auctions?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): (a) Under Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015, total 31 coalmines had been allocated through auction so far. Of these 31 mines, allocations of 9 mines have been terminated for various reasons. Of the remaining 22 mines, 13 coal mines have got Mine Opening Permission. Of these 13 coal mines, 11 mines are producing coal.

- (b) The production detail (in Million Tonnes) in the auctioned coal mines is as under: