

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Protection of trees and promotion of tree plantation

3872. SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to protect trees and promote tree plantation invariably at the village level across the country, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of ongoing schemes for creating awareness about the importance of tree plantation at the Panchayat level and primary school level; and
- (c) whether Government appoints officers from the local village level to the apex level for environmental awareness, protection and promotion, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) supports States/UTs for implementation of various afforestation related activities which aim at promoting tree plantation and protection of trees across the country under schemes like National Mission for a Green India (GIM), Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme, Nagar Van Yojana, compensatory afforestation under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) etc. State/UTs also implement various schemes for promoting tree plantation activities under State/UT Plan. Besides, tree plantation is also been carried out cross-sectorily by other Ministries, NGOs, Private sector etc.

These schemes support afforestation related activities such as plantation of saplings, maintenance of plantation including protection, soil moisture conservation etc. Various forest fire prevention and management measures are taken up under the Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention and Management (FFPM) Scheme. Awareness and outreach activities for creating environmental awareness, protection and promotion of tree plantation are carried out by State /UTs Forest Department through frontline staff at beat, block, range and division level by conducting regular patrolling, surveillance and field visits. Local institutions including Joint Forest Management Committees assist the

frontline staff of the State/UT forest department in protection, regeneration and afforestation.

The Ministry is also implementing 'School Nursery Yojana' (SNY) since the year 2020 which aims to promote plantation activity through involvement of students. Under SNY students are involved to participate in activities related with raising seedlings as part of the programme. The scheme envisages creating awareness about plants among students and to provide an environment for them to understand and appreciate the significance of plants in maintaining, sustaining the natural ecosystem and promote afforestation with people's participation.
