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TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2024

PROMOTION OF AGROFORESTRY IN WESTERN GHATS

2102. SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to promote agroforestry in Konkan, Maharashtra under the National Agroforestry Policy (NAP) 2014, keeping in mind the environmental sensitivity of the Western Ghats;
- (b) the details of provisions for financial assistance or incentives to farmers in the Konkan region to adopt agroforestry; and
- (c) the details of achievements made so far under this policy for environmental protection and increase in agricultural income?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Government of India formulated the National Agroforestry Policy in 2014 to encourage tree plantation in agriculture landscape. The Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) was implemented from 2016-17 till 2021-22 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the country, including the State of Maharashtra, to encourage tree plantation complementary with agriculture crops. Agroforestry is known to have the potential to mitigate the climate change effects through microclimate moderation, conservation of natural resources and creation of additional source of livelihood opportunities. Total 1.21 lakh hectare have been covered under plantation with 532.30 lakh trees planted and 899 Agroforestry Nurseries established under SMAF. The program was restructured as Agroforestry components under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from the year 2023-2024. 156 new nurseries have been established under Agroforestry Component of RKVY as per the information received from the States/UTs.

Under SMAF, from 2017-18 to 2021-22, Rs. 835.00 lakh was released to Maharashtra as central share. Out of this, Rs. 139.74 lakh was utilized for implementation of the scheme in the Western Ghats in Konkan region and 3.09 lakh trees were planted. Under Agroforestry component of RKVY, Rs. 200.00 Lakh has been allocated to State of Maharashtra during the current year (2024-25), and so far, Rs. 50.00 lakh has been released.
