

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 43
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Programme

*43. SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' is a movement that reflects India's commitment to a sustainable and environmentally conscious future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has successfully met its ambitious goal of planting 80 crore seedlings under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,' five days ahead of the deadline, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARA (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 43 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28.11.2024 REGARDING 'EK PED MAA KE NAAM' PROGRAMME RAISED BY SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

(a) & (b) The Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign by planting a seedling of Peepal Tree at Buddha Jayanti Park, New Delhi on 5th June, 2024 on the occasion of World Environment Day. This campaign draws a parallel between the nurturing of nature by Mother Earth and the nurturing of human lives by our mothers. It aims to underline this relation by planting a tree as a mark of love, respect and honour for our mothers and by pledging to protect trees and mother earth. Through this campaign, halting and reversing land degradation, building drought resilience, preventing desertification and increasing the green cover of the country through voluntary planting of trees by all the citizens is envisaged. The campaign not only aims at planting trees but sensitizes about the need to protect and nurture them. The planting of indigenous species not only helps in improving the survival of trees but also builds a resilient ecosystem in the plantation areas.

(c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change assigned targets to the State Governments and Union Territories across the country in consonance with the "Whole of Government" and "Whole of Society" approach. Planting of 80 crore seedlings was achieved on 25th September, 2024 before the targeted date of 30th September, 2024.
