

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 376
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

Mangrove forestation

376. SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM:

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry has adopted a new policy on mangrove plantation;
- (b) if so, the details of the policy and funds allotted for this particular initiative; and
- (c) whether Government has any plans for mangrove forestation in the Sundarbans of West Bengal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) The “Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI)” is new programme launched by the Government of India in collaboration with coastal States and Union Territories to restore and promote mangroves for preserving and enhancing the sustainability of the coastal ecosystem and habitats. The MISHTI was launched on 5th June, 2023 with an objective to restore/afforestation of mangroves covering approximately 540 km², spreading across 9 coastal States and 4 Union Territories.

The initiative is being implemented through convergence with gap funding provided through National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). Financial support of ₹ 17.96 Crore has been released from CAMPA to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Odisha, West Bengal, and UT of Puducherry for restoration of degraded mangrove area in the financial year 2024-2025.

An amount of ₹3.74 Crore was released from CAMPA for restoration and afforestation of mangroves in an area of 478 ha in three districts of West Bengal namely Purba Medinipur, South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas during the financial year 2024-2025.
