

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2019

Van Mahotsava Plantation

2275. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of saplings planted in the last five years during Van Mahotsava, Statewise;
- (b) the details of the types of plants being distributed with special focus on local species; and
- (c) the details of nurseries which provide local species for plantation, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (c) Tree plantation is a multi-departmental activity and is carried out under various schemes of different ministries and also taken up cross-sectorally by various Departments, NGOs, Civil Society, Corporate bodies etc. under various Central and State Plan/Non Plan Schemes. To encourage the peoples' participation in plantation activities, the Ministry has also issued instructions to States/ Union Territories to take up plantation/afforestation on special days like during Van Mahotsava, World Environment Day, Wildlife Week etc. and also under Swachh Bharat Mission etc.

Van Mahotsava, is an annual tree-planting movement in India which began in year 1950 to create enthusiasm among masses for forest conservation and planting trees. It has gained significant national importance now and is a week-long festival which is celebrated on different days usually during July month.

During these celebrations, saplings of local species of trees yielding different benefits to the people such as providing alternative fuel, increasing food resources, fodder, creating shelter-belts, offering shade and decorative landscapes, reducing drought and to prevent soil erosion, etc. are distributed which are raised from various nurseries established in different locations in the states. The details of plantations carried out during special occasions including Van Mahotsava celebrations and details of nurseries providing local species are not maintained in the ministry. However, compiled statement of saplings distributed/planted and details of nurseries as per the reports received from the states are provided in Annexure.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2275 due for reply on 09.12.2019 by Shri Sanjay Singh regarding 'Van Mahotsava Plantation'

State-wise details of saplings distributed and details of nurseries regarding Van Mahotsava plantation

Sl. No.	State	No. of Saplings planted/distributed for plantation (In lakhs)	Details of nurseries/number of nurseries providing local species for plantation
1	Andhra Pradesh	156.58	Plants distributed from nurseries raised in 13 districts of A.P.
2	Arunachal Pradesh*	2.81	The saplings are made available from the local nurseries of the respective forest divisions.
3	Assam	18.85	43
4	Bihar	0.48	158
5	Chhattisgarh*	15.54	275
6	Goa	0.57	20
7	Gujarat*	5176.84	458
8	Haryana*	12.30	99
9	Himachal Pradesh*	0.07	14
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1.86	163
11	Jharkhand*	13.57	68
12	Karnataka*	2245.00	524
13	Kerala	1.31	105
14	Maharashtra	5644.00	3253
15	Manipur	83.15	1450
16	Meghalaya	0.42	2242
17	Mizoram	1.12	Saplings are being distributed from nurseries at various levels such as Division, Range, Beat, etc.
18	Nagaland #	8.43	Nurseries maintained by the forest divisions in their respective divisions.
19	NCT Delhi #	58.00	14
20	Odisha #	160.00	39
21	Punjab	1.61	620
22	Rajasthan	0.88	393
23	Sikkim	2.49	89
24	Telangana #	11359.70	12178
25	Tripura	5.30	15
26	Uttar Pradesh	4.45	1416
27	Uttarakhand #	19.02	811
28	West Bengal	160.05	114

* Total number of seedlings distributed/saplings planted during last five years (2014-15 to 2018-19)

Total number of seedlings distributed/saplings planted during last four years (2015-16 to 2018-19)

Rest of the States- Total number of seedlings distributed/saplings planted during last three years (2016-17 to 2018-19)
