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Title: Regarding sanctioning of fund for Mumbai city and Sanjay Gandhi National Park under the Urban Forest Scheme-laid.

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR (MUMBAI NORTH-WEST): It is a privilege that I have got the opportunity to express my views on an important issue.

A few months ago, there was heavy destruction in some parts of the country due to the storm Toukte. Mumbai had also come in the grip of this storm. More than 5 thousand trees of Mumbai have been destroyed in the storm. Several civilians including vehicles were seriously injured. Many trees of Sanjay National Park located in Borivali, East Mumbai have been completely destroyed. It is very important to plant new trees here. The Maharashtra Government has declared 812 acres land of Mumbai suburban Goregaon east as a forest. Here too, early afforestation has become very necessary.

I request the concerned minister to sanction 100 crores fund for Mumbai city and Sanjay Gandhi National Park under the urban forest scheme of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.