

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2627  
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PLANTATION LEVEL  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the plantation level in the hilly areas of the country is sufficient to maintain the green cover;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the plantation level in the hilly areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)&(b) As per National Forest Policy, 1988 forest cover in hill areas should be 66%. As per the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2013, the forest cover in the 124 hill districts falling in 16 States of the country is 39.75% of the total geographical area of these districts.

(c)&(d) The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) is implementing a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Afforestation Programme (NAP)" for regeneration of degraded forests through people's participation, including hilly areas in the country. The details of funds released and area taken up under afforestation in these States for the last three years are given in Annexure.