

[English]

Afforestation Programme in Aravalli Hills and Himalayan Region

6052. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various kinds of afforestation programme implemented in Aravali Hills and Himalayan region during the Seventh Plan:

(b) whether Government have made any review of the implementation of these programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) During the Seventh Plan period (1985-90), the afforestation and tree planting activities have been carried out on community and panchayat lands, roadsides, canalsides, railsides, private farm lands and degraded forest lands under various Central and State Plan schemes, including the Externally Aided Social Forestry Projects, Rural Employment Programme, Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Areas Development Programme, etc.

(b) and (c). Regular review and monitoring of the programme implementation under different schemes is carried out by the concerned Central/States agency. Overall, it can be said that the ecologically fragile areas, including the Aravallis and the Himalayas, have not received the attention they deserve. The restructured Wastelands

Development Programme aims at addressing this need, depending on the resources which become available in the Eighth Plan period.

Centrally Sponsored Social forestry Schemes

6053. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) since when the social forestry programmes as a centrally sponsored scheme in different States were introduced, State-wise;

(b) the amount allocated to each State in Seventh Plan, targets fixed and achievement made against them;

(c) whether any external assistance for this scheme was received; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The Centrally Sponsored Scheme entitled "Social Forestry including Rural Fuelwood Plantations" was introduced in 1980. During the Seventh Five Year Plan, this scheme was in operation in selected districts covering all the States. The State-wise targets/achievements and outlays during the Seventh Plan are given in the statement.

(c) No external assistance has been received for this scheme.

(d) Does not arise.