

2. Green Belt in Urban Areas

a. It is an on-going state plan scheme.

b. **Financing pattern:** It is a state plan scheme with a proposed outlay of Rs. 900.00 lacs, wholly funded by the State Govt.

c. **Aims and objectives:**

(i) To take up tree planting activity in urban areas along roads, in parks and in blank areas available in various localities for increasing Tree Cover.

(ii) To increase the green cover in urban areas for improvement in the environment and to check air pollution.

d. **Targets achieved so far:**

Year	Activity	Physical Target		Financial Achievement (Rs. In lacs)
		Ha	RKM	
2013-14	Plantation		835	500.00
2014-15	Plantation & Maintenance		300	438.51
2015-16	Plantation & Maintenance		474	891.00

e. **Physical & Financial targets for the year 2016-17:** An outlay of Rs. 900.00 lacs. has been proposed for the year 2016-17.

Year	Activity	Physical Target		Financial Target (Rs. In lacs)
		No. of tree guards	RKM	
2016-17	Plantation & maintenance	0	300	255.00
	Fabrication of Tree Guards and fencing	40000	-	645.00
	Total			900.00

f. **Quantum of funds likely to be borne by Government of India or by any other external agency:** It is a continuing plan scheme to be funded by the State Govt. from plan funds.

g. ***Benefits of the scheme:*** The urban areas are most affected from vehicular and industrial pollution. The population in the urban areas, therefore, suffers from respiratory and water borne diseases. The amelioration of urban environment through tree plantation will bring about greenery in the area and will effectively check the air pollution bringing respite to the residents. This will also help in increasing the green cover in urban areas.