

Document of the month

Preservation of trees was close to Sohrab Godrej's heart. Any news regarding hacking trees used to disturb him. As a 'Man of the trees', he was determined to stop their destruction. He never missed an opportunity to save trees which he considered as 'catalysts in nature's anti-pollution squad'. After becoming Sheriff of Mumbai in early 80s, he insisted on creating awareness for protection and propagation of plant life.

This month, Godrej Archives brings to you a letter from Morarji Desai- a reply to Sohrab's letter expressing concerns over destruction of trees. Through the letter, Morarji Desai endorses his views and assures that efforts are being taken in this direction.



PRIME MINISTER

No. 2469-PMO/78

New Delhi,
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Dear Godrej,

Your letter of 25th September was received on 10th November, 1978. Although adequate attention was required to be paid to the question of soil conservation and afforestation, I find that over the years there has been a thoughtless felling of trees on a large scale resulting in the loss of the top soils. Recent floods have stressed once again the importance of an urgent replenishment of our forests. I have already taken up this question with the Chief Ministers of States and stressed upon them the importance of preservation of environmental balance.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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