

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 12
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026

Funds for Environmental and Climate Challenges

*12. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total budgetary outlays and institutional funds allocated by the Central Government to mitigate critical environmental and climate challenges during the last five year, scheme-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has compiled a comprehensive mapping or vulnerability profiling of ecological degradation and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details regarding data on the quantum of performance-linked fiscal grants disbursed under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and Finance Commission frameworks that are contingent upon tangible, data-backed improvements in ambient air, water and land quality indexes, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 12 FOR REPLY ON 20.07.2026 REGARDING FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHALLENGES ASKED BY SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER.

(a) & (b) : The details of scheme-wise total budgetary outlays of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change to mitigate critical environmental and climate challenges during the last five year, scheme-wise is at **ANNEXURE-I**.

Ecological Degradation is a multisectoral subject involving various stakeholders and is caused by multiple factors- natural and anthropogenic. Government has a robust national framework for mapping and monitoring of ecological degradation using satellite remote-sensing, Geographic Information System (GIS) and field-based observations. Various organisations under Government such as Space Applications Centre (SAC), National Centre for Coastal Research and Geological Survey of India etc. are engaged in vulnerability assessment due to ecological degradation.

Forest Survey of India (FSI) under Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change carries out the assessment of forest and tree cover of the country biennially and the findings are published in the **India State of Forest Report (ISFR)**. The forest cover assessment is a wall-to-wall mapping exercise based on remote sensing supported by intensive ground verification and field data from the National Forest Inventory. ISFR 2023 provides State/UT-wise information on forest cover, tree cover, mangrove cover, growing stock, carbon stock, forest fire monitoring and changes in forest cover, which constitute important indicators for assessing the ecological status of forests.

The Report contains State/UT-wise assessment of forest and tree cover and changes therein, which serve as an important scientific basis for identifying areas requiring conservation, restoration and sustainable forest management interventions. The State/UT-wise assessment of forest and tree cover is given in **ANNEXURE-II**.

(c) : Government launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to improve air quality across 130 cities in 24 States/UTs through a comprehensive, integrated and collaborative approach by involving Central Govt., State Govt. and urban local bodies.

Air quality performance based incentive grant of Rs. 16423.56 crore has been released to 130 cities under National Clean Air Programme for implementation of air quality improvement measures through city action plans. The details of the funds provided for 130 cities are as below:

(i) Rs. 13,561.52 crores released to 48 Million-Plus Cities/ Urban Agglomeration through XVth Finance Commission Million-Plus Cities Challenge Fund during FY 2020-21 till FY 2025-26;

(ii) Rs. 2,862.04 crore to the 82 non-attainment cities through Central Sector Scheme 'Control of Pollution' of MoEF&CC during FY 2019-20 till FY 2025-26. State-wise details of funds provided under NCAP, are enclosed at **ANNEXURE-III**.

The focused actions by 130 cities under NCAP have shown positive results with 108 cities showing reduction in PM10 concentration in 2025-26 with respect to 2017-18, 46 cities have shown reduction in PM10 levels by more than 20% with respect to base year 2017-18 and 26 of these cities have achieved a reduction of more than 40%. A total of 14 Cities have met NAAQS and have PM10 Concentrations less than 60 µg/m³. Details of air quality improvement in 130 cities are enclosed at **ANNEXURE-IV**.

ANNEXURE-I

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change: Budgetary Outlay of Schemes for last five years

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl No.		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	Scheme / Organisation	Revised Estimates	Revised Estimates	Revised Estimates	Revised Estimates	Revised Estimates
I	Central Sector Schemes					
a	Environmental knowledge and capacity Building	65.00	86.57	75.00	99.94	68.96
b	Environmental Protection, Management and Sustainable Development	136.00	93.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
c	National Coastal Management Programme	100.90	4.00	43.30	8.00	7.56
d	Decision Support System for Environmental Awareness, Policy, Planning and Outcome Evaluation (Environment Education, Awareness, Research and Skill Development)	108.00	36.70	80.00	65.00	75.00
e	Control of Pollution	390.10	600.00	847.50	858.00	1300.00
	Total - Central Sector Scheme	800.00	820.27	1045.80	1030.94	1451.52
II	Centrally Sponsored Scheme					
a	National Mission for a Green India	255.00	214.18	160.00	160.00	95.70
b	Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat	363.00	305.00	350.00	400.00	265.57
c	Conservation of Natural Resources and Ecosystems	52.00	30.00	25.00	30.00	30.48
	Total - Centrally Sponsored Scheme	670.00	549.18	535.00	590.00	391.75
	Scheme Total	1470.00	1369.45	1580.80	1620.94	1843.27

ANNEXURE-II

State/UT wise forest and tree cover as per ISFR 2023
(Area in Square kilometre)

S.No.	State /UT	Geographical Area (GA)	Forest Cover and Tree Cover	Percentage of forest and tree cover
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,62,922.57	35,424.98	21.74
2	Arunachal Pradesh	83,743.22	67,083.20	80.11
3	Assam	78,438.00	30,415.01	38.78
4	Bihar	94,163.00	9,902.66	10.52
5	Chhattisgarh	1,35,192.00	62,350.45	46.12
6	Delhi	1,483.00	371.31	25.04
7	Goa	3,702.00	2,523.54	68.17
8	Gujarat	1,96,244.00	21,648.93	11.03
9	Haryana	44,212.00	3,307.28	7.48
10	Himachal Pradesh	55,673.00	16,435.42	29.52
11	Jharkhand	79,716.00	27,403.33	34.38
12	Karnataka	1,91,791.00	47,033.42	24.52
13	Kerala	38,852.00	24,965.30	64.26
14	Madhya Pradesh	3,08,252.11	85,723.58	27.81
15	Maharashtra	3,07,713.00	65,383.41	21.25
16	Manipur	22,327.00	16,795.28	75.22
17	Meghalaya	22,429.00	17,687.40	78.86
18	Mizoram	21,081.00	18,558.26	88.03
19	Nagaland	16,579.00	12,616.49	76.10
20	Odisha	1,55,707.00	58,597.01	37.63
21	Punjab	50,362.00	3,321.24	6.59
22	Rajasthan	3,42,238.99	27,389.33	8.00
23	Sikkim	7,096.00	3,406.73	48.01
24	Tamil Nadu	1,30,060.00	31,820.94	24.47
25	Telangana	1,12,122.44	24,696.70	22.03
26	Tripura	10,486.00	7,832.33	74.69
27	Uttar Pradesh	2,40,927.56	23,996.72	9.96
28	Uttarakhand	53,483.36	25,534.97	47.74
29	West Bengal	88,752.00	19,770.45	22.28
30	A & N Islands	8,249.00	6,759.89	81.95
31	Chandigarh	114.00	46.18	40.51
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	602.00	262.45	43.60
33	Jammu & Kashmir	2,22,236.00	25,013.36	12.69
34	Ladakh		3,178.94	
35	Lakshadweep	29.63	27.26	92.00
36	Puducherry	490.00	73.20	14.94
Total		32,87,468.88	8,27,356.95	25.17

ANNEXURE-III**State wise fund released in 130 cities of NCAP during FY 2019-20 till FY FY 2025-26****(₹ in crore)**

S. No.	State	Funds released under XVFC	Fund released under CP Scheme	Total Fund Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	399.97	153.66	553.63
2	Assam	-	171.66	171.66
3	Bihar	318.99	78.51	397.5
4	Chandigarh	-	46.75	46.75
5	Chhattisgarh	332.42	22.47	354.89
6	Delhi	-	81.35	81.35
7	Gujarat	1534.38	12	1546.38
8	Haryana	138.97	-	138.97
9	Himachal Pradesh	-	25.73	25.73
10	Jammu & Kashmir	-	223.7	223.7
11	Jharkhand	489.12	6	495.12
12	Karnataka	535.1	90.84	625.94
13	Madhya Pradesh	934.64	107.51	1042.15
14	Maharashtra	2539.42	283.76	2823.18
15	Meghalaya	-	13.09	13.09
16	Nagaland	-	31.13	31.13
17	Odisha	-	149.99	149.99
18	Punjab	260.62	177.86	438.48
19	Rajasthan	747.91	81.91	829.82
20	Tamil Nadu	788.24	19.21	807.45
21	Telangana	715.9	23.77	739.67
22	Uttar Pradesh	2592.24	840.36	3432.6
23	Uttarakhand	-	120.81	120.81
24	West Bengal	1233.6	99.97	1333.57
Total		13561.52	2862.04	16423.56

ANNEXURE-IV

Improvement in PM10 concentrations of 130 Cities under NCAP in FY 2025-26 w.r.t. FY 2017-18

State	Sl. No.	Cities	2017-2018	2025-26	% improvement in 2025-26 w.r.t. FY 2017-18
			Average concentration (F.Y.) of PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	Average concentration (F.Y.) of PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	
Andhra Pradesh	1	Vijayawada	91	66	27.5
	2	Nellore	64	50	21.9
	3	Rajahmundry	85	67	21.2
	4	Ananthpur	78	64	17.9
	5	Kurnool	79	65	17.7
	6	Eluru	72	62	13.9
	7	Kadapa	75	65	13.3
	8	Ongole	65	61	6.2
	9	Chittoor	70	67	4.3
	10	Guntur	66	68	-3.0
	11	Vizianagaram	72	76	-5.6
	12	Srikakulam	69	75	-8.7
	13	Visakhapatnam	76	119	-56.6
Assam	14	Sivasagar	73	41	43.8
	15	Guwahati	103	73	29.1
	16	Nalbari	87	72	17.2
	17	Nagaon	82	68	17.1
	18	Silchar	49	52	-6.1
Bihar	19	Muzaffarpur	147	73	50.3
	20	Patna	172	112	34.9
	21	Gaya	79	97	-22.8
Chandigarh	22	Chandigarh	114	86	24.6
Chattisgarh	23	Durg- Bhilainagar	86	56	34.9
	24	Raipur	70	64	8.6
	25	Korba	57	68	-19.3
Delhi	26	Delhi	241	200	17.0
Gujarat	27	Surat	130	79	39.2
	28	Ahmedabad	164	101	38.4
	29	Rajkot	150	94	37.3
	30	Vadodara	133	111	16.5
Haryana	31	Faridabad*	229	182	20.5
Himachal Pradesh	32	Nalagarh	146	68	53.4
	33	Sunder Nagar	78	46	41.0
	34	Baddi	174	119	31.6
	35	Parwanoo	66	47	28.8
	36	Kala Amb	118	91	22.9

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	37	Damtal	55	56	-1.8
	38	Paonta Sahib	84	86	-2.4
	39	Srinagar*	132	80	39.4
Jammu & Kashmir	40	Jammu	157	112	28.7
Jharkhand	41	Dhanbad	315	150	52.4
	42	Ranchi	141	108	23.4
	43	Jamshedpur	135	148	-9.6
Karnataka	44	Davangere	74	44	40.5
	45	Hubli-Dharwad	79	61	22.8
	46	Bengaluru	92	76	17.4
	47	Gulbarga / Kalaburgi	55	48	12.7
Madhya Pradesh	48	Ujjain	93	69	25.8
	49	Jabalpur	101	76	24.8
	50	Gwalior	126	115	8.7
	51	Bhopal	112	103	8.0
	52	Indore	82	78	4.9
	53	Sagar	73	76	-4.1
	54	Dewas	83	90	-8.4
Maharashtra	55	Greater Mumbai	161	81	49.7
	56	Thane	138	81	41.3
	57	Akola	111	67	39.6
	58	Badlapur	160	104	35.0
	59	Ulhasnagar	153	106	30.7
	60	Vasai Virar	99	69	30.3
	61	Amravati	102	74	27.5
	62	Latur	82	61	25.6
	63	Kolhapur	89	72	19.1
	64	Jalna	99	84	15.2
	65	Sangli	87	78	10.3
	66	Solapur	81	73	9.9
	67	Pune	102	97	4.9
	68	Nashik	82	80	2.4
	69	Navi Mumbai	88	86	2.3
	70	Nagpur	100	98	2.0
	71	Aurangabad	75	76	-1.3
	72	Chandrapur	118	130	-10.2
	73	Jalgaon	70	86	-22.9
Meghalaya	74	Byrnihat	175	103	41.1
Nagaland	75	Kohima	127	47	63.0

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	76	Dimapur	142	110	22.5
Odisha	77	Kalinga Nagar	109	92	15.6
	78	Rourkela	99	91	8.1
	79	Talcher	113	112	0.9
	80	Balasore	84	88	-4.8
	81	Cuttack	93	99	-6.5
	82	Bhubaneswar	85	93	-9.4
	83	Angul	97	109	-12.4
Punjab	84	Amritsar	189	92	51.3
	85	Jalandhar	178	103	42.1
	86	Naya Nangal	87	59	32.2
	87	Khanna	142	98	31.0
	88	Ludhiana	168	120	28.6
	89	Dera Baba Nanak	79	58	26.6
	90	Mandi Gobindgarh	148	120	18.9
	91	Patiala	106	93	12.3
	92	Dera Bassi	88	92	-4.5
Rajasthan	93	Jodhpur	189	115	39.2
	94	Alwar	152	101	33.6
	95	Kota	139	115	17.3
	96	Jaipur	172	143	16.9
	97	Udaipur	127	108	15.0
Tamil Nadu	98	Tuticorin	123	65	47.2
	99	Trichy	88	52	40.9
	100	Madurai	72	47	34.7
	101	Chennai	66	69	-4.5
Telangana	102	Hyderabad	110	80	27.3
	103	Sangareddy	85	77	9.4
	104	Nalgonda	59	70	-18.6
Uttar Pradesh	105	Bareilly	207	63	69.6
	106	Varanasi	230	75	67.4
	107	Firozabad	247	98	60.3
	108	Kanpur	227	95	58.1
	109	Moradabad	222	95	57.2
	110	Gorakhpur	150	75	50.0
	111	Raebareli	145	77	46.9
	112	Lucknow	253	135	46.6
	113	Agra	202	125	38.1
	114	Allahabad	169	106	37.3
	115	Jhansi	109	69	36.7

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	116	Ghaziabad	285	189	33.7
	117	Gajraula	204	141	30.9
	118	Noida	229	171	25.3
	119	Khurja	195	147	24.6
	120	Anpara	175	144	17.7
	121	Meerut	159	147	7.5
Uttarakhand	122	Dehradun	250	101	59.6
	123	Rishikesh	129	84	34.9
	124	Kashipur	99	78	21.2
West Bengal	125	Asansol	147	82	44.2
	126	Durgapur	150	87	42.0
	127	Kolkata	147	87	40.8
	128	Howrah	139	104	25.2
	129	Haldia	92	73	20.7
	130	Barrackpore	86	78	9.3

* PM₁₀ levels in the FY 2017-18 for Faridabad and Srinagar are not available. PM₁₀ levels of FY 2020-21 for Faridabad and PM₁₀ levels of FY 2018-19 for Srinagar have been considered as a baseline.