

10. उत्तर प्रदेश	9279	787	1967750
11. संघ शासित प्रदेश	0	2	8550
12. राष्ट्रीय स्तर के संघ	0.42	4	9400
उप-योग (ग)	40642	6800	10945668
कुल योग: (क)+(ख)+(ग)	54898	9363	13548848

Environment Fund

2022. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Environment Fund designed to be utilised in the eventuality of a Bhopal like tragedy is stagnating in the absence of guidelines on its management from Government;

(b) if so, the difficulties that lie in the way of Government to issue the guidelines; and

(c) the Steps being taken to issue them and thus enabled the Insurance Companies to invest the corpus of the Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) Presently, the General Insurance Corporation and its subsidiaries are maintaining the Environment Relief Fund in short term deposits in accordance with the instructions provided by this Ministry. Detailed guidelines are under finalisation and shall be published in the scheme for establishing and maintaining the Environment Relief Fund. The modalities to reinvest the fund have also been incorporated in the scheme.

Short-Term Loans to State Governments During Kharif and Rabi Seasons

2023. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had recently been providing short-term loans to State Governments for kharif and Rabi seasons but the same has since been discontinued;

(b) whether Government propose to revive the same; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of projects to whom assistance was made available during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA): (a) and (b) Central Government was providing short-term loans to State Governments for Kharif and Rabi seasons separately every year till Kharif 1993 to help them purchase agricultural inputs, namely, fertilizers, seeds and pesticides and make them available to farmers in time. Short-term loans to the State Governments have been discontinued from Rabi 1993-94 as no budget provision has been made for the purpose. There is no proposal, at present, to review the scheme.