

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1308
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021

Funds for National Green Corps to Puducherry

1308 SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) the details of fund allotted to Government of Union Territory of Puducherry during the last five years under the scheme—National Green Corps;
- (b) the percentage of fund utilisation under the scheme so far; and
- (c) whether the fund utilisation is not up to the expectations, if so, the steps Government proposes to activate the Green Corps movement in the Union Territory of Puducherry?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b) The National Green Corps programme is implemented under the Central Sector Scheme Environment Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT), to promote environmental awareness and mobilize students' participation for environment conservation by forming Eco-clubs in schools/ colleges. During the last five years, funds have been released to the State Nodal Agency of Puducherry in the year 2016-17 (Rs. 10,26,569/-) and 2019-20 (Rs. 43,05,000/-). The percentage of utilization, as reported by the State Nodal Agency, are 95.79% and 77.93% respectively.

(c) The Ministry takes various measures to ensure implementation of National Green Corps programme by all State Nodal Agencies in their respective States/ Union Territory (UT), including Puducherry. An advisory was issued to all State Nodal Agencies in May 2021 requesting timely submission of proposals for the programme. Further, review meetings were held to review, *inter alia*, progress in submission of proposals.
