

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 534
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

Utilization of Bio-diversity funds

534. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bio-diversity funds, meant for improving ecosystem and conservation, are being spent annually according to the target fixed or any shortfall is being experienced, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any comprehensive estimate of total public funding in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether, in view of multiple institutions being involved in operating finance, any study has been carried out to avoid overlapping functions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) The Government of India has taken several initiatives for protection of biodiversity and conservation through various schemes like National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC); National Mission on Sustainable Habitat; National Water Mission; National Mission for Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem; Green India Mission; National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, National Plan for conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA); Biosphere Reserve; Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas; Water Resources programme for Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water bodies; Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA); and Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI).

The above schemes promote afforestation, tree planting, ecological restoration and eco-development activities and wetlands conservation in the country, including Biodiversity Conservation.

In addition, the Central Government provides financial assistance to States and Union Territories under Centrally Sponsored Schemes undertaking of species oriented programmes, such as: Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat; Project

Tiger, and Project Elephant for better protection and conservation of wildlife and their habitat including Biodiversity.

The Government of India has taken several steps for conservation of biodiversity of the country through Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India etc. which aid in survey, inventorization, taxonomic validation; threat assessment of floral and faunal resources and ex-situ conservation.
