

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 538**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

**Release of central share in Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

538. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:  
SMT. SULATA DEO:

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

- (a) whether the Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2023-24 in respect of Forest Fire Prevention and Management (FPM) has been submitted with an outlay of ₹ 4928.69 lakh for forest fire prevention and management activities; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that the sanction and release order, against the allocated amount, is awaited?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b). The total Budget Estimate (BE) under Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme for the financial year 2023-24 is Rs. 51.00 Crores, out of which Rs. 36.7084 crores have been released based on the Annual Plan of operation submitted by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The funds are further released based on the utilization of funds by the respective State/ UT Governments after submission of Utilization Certificates.

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