

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2024

Utilisation of funds under National Clean Air Programme

1178. SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has failed to utilise funds released under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in the last two years to combat air pollution in non-attainment cities in the State
- (b) if so, number of non-attainment cities in Karnataka and the funds released and utilised in the last two years, city-wise; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government on the poor performance of State Government of Karnataka in taking up air pollution mitigation measures under the National Clean Air Programme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c): ₹597.52 crore has been released to 04 cities of Karnataka namely Bengaluru, Gulbarga, Hubli-Dharwad, and Davanagere during the FY 2019-20 to 2023-24 for implementation of City Action Plans under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). Out of ₹597.52 crore, Karnataka state has reported utilisation of ₹221.98 crore (37%).

Details of release and utilisation of funds by cities of Karnataka State under NCAP during last two years i.e. FY 2022-23 & 2023-24 are provided at Annexure I.

During various National Level Meetings under NCAP such as Apex Committee, Steering Committee, Monitoring Committee and Implementation Committee meetings, States with low fund utilisation including Karnataka were directed to expedite the fund utilisation for implementing air quality improvement measures. Additionally, a review meeting was also convened in Bengaluru on 12.11.2024 with Govt. officials of Karnataka to expedite fund utilisation.

**Details of City-wise released & utilization of funds under NCAP & XVFC grants during FY 2019-20 to 2023-24
as per PRANA**

| State | City | Funds released during the | | | | | | Total Utlisation |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | | FY 2019-20 | FY 2020-21 | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 | FY 2023-24 | Total released | |
| Karnataka | Bengaluru | 6.00 | 279.00 | 147.35 | 108.75 | - | 541.10 | 198.78 |
| | Gulburga | 0.12 | 0.38 | 2.24 | 5.57 | 15.17 | 23.48 | 7.66 |
| | Hubli- Dharwad | 0.12 | 0.38 | 3.68 | 10.11 | 4.86 | 19.15 | 11.96 |
| | Devanagere | 0.06 | 0.76 | 1.4 | 4.09 | 7.48 | 13.79 | 3.58 |
| Total | | 6.30 | 280.52 | 154.67 | 128.52 | 27.51 | 597.52 | 221.98 |
