

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 993
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

Urban agglomeration for performance based grants

993 SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 15th Finance Commission has identified Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam urban agglomeration for performance-based grants to improve air quality;
- (b) if so, the details of amount so far allocated, sanctioned, released and spent on the above cities;
- (c) whether Government is aware that there are more million plus cities in Andhra Pradesh as per the latest population figures which have not been covered; and
- (d) if so, the efforts being made by Government to cover those cities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a), (b), (c) & (d):

Fifteenth Finance Commission has identified Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam urban agglomeration for performance-based grants to improve air quality. The details of the amount so far allocated, sanctioned, released and spent on the above cities are placed at Annexure I.

As per fifteenth Finance Commission report, it has identified Million Plus Cities (MPCs) based on the population of 2011 census. Other than 2 MPCs identified in Andhra Pradesh, 11 other cities, viz. Srikakulam, Chittoor, Ongole, Vizianagaram, Eluru, Rajamahendravaram, Anantapur, Kadapa, Guntur, Kurnool, Nellore, have been included for funding under National Clean Air Programme for taking air quality management measures.

Annexure I

Sl.no	City	XVthFC performance based grants (in Rs. crore)	
		Allocated till FY 2022-23	Released till FY 2021-22
1	Vijayawada	163	100.35
2	Visakhapatnam	148	100.75