

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1656**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

**Involvement of NGOs for environmental projects**

1656. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ :

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

- (a) The details of schemes to encourage Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for participating in environmental projects across the country, State-wise;
- (b) The details of terms, conditions, and qualifications fixed for these NGOs for eligibility;
- (c) The quantum of funds made available to the NGOs for the same during each of the last two years; and
- (d) The details of environment and afforestation projects in Odisha, location-wise, along with costs incurred, in the last two years?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b): There are several schemes in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under which Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) can participate in environmental projects. The details of terms, conditions and qualifications for NGOs to be eligible under these schemes are enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (c) and (d): As per the available information, the quantum of funds released to NGOs, during the last two years, are given at Annexure-II.

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## Annexure-I

Name of Scheme (CS/CSS)	Terms, Conditions and Qualifications for NGOs eligibility
<p>Environment Research and Development Programme (Central Sector Scheme)</p>	<p>The <b>Environment Research and Development Programme</b> supports and funds research projects for building database, generating information and knowledge for finding practical solutions to problems of environmental conservation and management and for developing policies, strategies, action plans for better management and conservation of natural resources. The Environment Research and Development Programme is open to all institutions including NGOs with expertise in identified thematic areas to undertake projects on specific areas related to environmental conservation and conservation of natural resources in the country. Institutions availing such funding under the Scheme are provided a Grant for the Project duration.</p> <p>NGOs and Registered Societies are required to first register in the NITI Aayog's Darpan Portal.</p>
<p>Development of Wild-life habitats (DWH) (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)</p>	<p>Under the <b>Development of Wildlife Habitats Scheme</b>, grant is provided to State/UTs mainly for the conservation and management of Protected Areas (PAs), recovery of endangered species, mitigating man-animal conflict, and voluntary relocation of families for creating inviolate space for wild animals, healthier ecosystem and repository as source for gene pool. In addition to this, funds are also provided to various agencies including NGOs for the research Projects. Guidelines of scheme provides further details on eligibility of NGOs.</p> <p>NGO should be registered on NGO Darpan Portal of NITI Aayog.</p>
<p>Creation of Management Structure for Hazardous Substances (Central Sector Scheme)</p>	<p>Central financial assistance is provided under the scheme "<b>Creation of Management Structure for Hazardous Substances</b>" to promote environmentally sound management of wastes and chemicals through innovative solutions and pilot projects, capacity building, awareness and training for sustainable management of wastes and Hazardous Substances.</p> <p>NGOs including Registered Societies are required to first register in the NITI Aayog's Darpan Portal.</p>
<p>National Mission of Himalayan Study (NMHS) (Central Sector Scheme)</p>	<p><b>National Mission of Himalayan Study</b>, a Central Sector scheme, was launched in 2015-16 with a vision to support the sustenance and enhancement of the ecological, natural, cultural and socio-economic capital assets and values of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). NGOs can take up Environmental projects under the NMHS across the Indian Himalayan region.</p> <p>The projects from NGOs are selected on merit basis through open advertisement, besides mandatory registration on the NITI Aayog's Darpan Portal.</p> <p>The Scheme has been converted to Non-Scheme from 2023-24 onwards.</p>

## Annexure-II

Funds released to NGOs for participating in environmental projects during 2021-22 and 2022-23:

(In Rs.)

Name of the Scheme	2021-22	2022-23
(DWH) Development of wild-life habitats Scheme	15,16,200.00	9,17,114.00

# Of the above, no funds were released to NGOs in the State of Odisha.