

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

National Clean Air Programme

2455. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY;

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

- (a) the details of cities identified in Andhra Pradesh under National Clean Air Programme to prevent, control and abate air pollution;
- (b) the details of targets set for those cities, roadmap prepared to achieve the targets and by when the targets are expected to be achieved;
- (c) whether Fifteenth Finance Commission recommended grants linked to performance for above identified cities in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, details of funds so far approved, sanctioned, released and spent, city-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d):

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in January, 2019 with an aim to improve air quality in non-attainment cities. The Programme envisages to achieve reductions upto 40% or achievement of National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter₁₀ (PM₁₀) concentrations by 2025-26 over baseline 2017-18. NCAP focuses on preparation and implementation of National, State and City level action plans of the targeted cities.

13 non-attainment cities from Andhra Pradesh have been included under NCAP for taking measures to improve air quality. 11 cities are funded by MoEF&CC and 2 cities are funded under XVth Finance Commission air quality performance grant. Funds provided under XVth Finance Commission are linked to achievement of air quality targets as per the Operational Guidelines issued by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance dated 10.8.2021. All cities of Andhra Pradesh have prepared city action plans for taking measures to improve air quality.

Details of air quality improvement targets provided to cities of Andhra Pradesh are enclosed at **Annexure-I**. Details of funds released and allocated to the cities of Andhra Pradesh are enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

Annual air quality improvement targets for the cities of Andhra Pradesh under National Clean Air Programme

States	Sl. No.	Cities	Annual Particulate Matter (PM10) reduction target in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$				
			2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Andhra Pradesh	1	Anantapur	3	3	3	3	2
	2	Chittoor	2	2	3	2	2
	3	Eluru	3	3	3	3	2
	4	Guntur	3	2	3	3	2
	5	Kadapa	2	2	2	2	2
	6	Kurnool	2	2	3	3	2
	7	Nellore	3	3	4	3	3
	8	Ongole	3	3	3	3	2
	9	Rajamahendravaram	3	2	3	3	2
	10	Srikakulam	3	3	3	3	2
	11	Vizianagaram	3	3	4	3	3
	12	Vijayawada*	Increase in Good AQI days: 15% Reduction in PM10 concentrations: 15%				
	13	Visakhapatnam*					

* Cities are covered XVth Finance Commission air quality performance grant and air quality improvement targets are as per the Operational guidelines of Department of Expenditure dated 10.08.2021.

Details of funds released and allocated to the cities of Andhra Pradesh under National Clean Air Programme and XVth Finance Commission Air quality grant

S. No.	City	Funds released during FY 2019-20 till 2022-23	Funds allocated in FY 2023-24
1	Anantapur	6.07	5.99
2	Chittoor	3.67	2.74
3	Eluru	4.04	1.3
4	Guntur	5.76	12.87
5	Kadapa	3.06	6.02
6	Kurnool	4.21	2.36
7	Nellore	8.31	14.55
8	Ongole	4.34	3.92
9	Rajamahendravaram	4.82	3.39
10	Srikakulam	3.22	0.82
11	Vizianagaram	4.06	1.39
12	Vijayawada*	130.35	34
13	Visakhapatnam*	129.37	40
	Total	311.28	129.35

* Cities are covered XVth Finance Commission air quality performance grant.