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Dedicated budget to combat climate change

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

- (a) whether the Central Government is aware of the dedicated 'Climate Budget' effectuated by the State Government of Odisha to combat climate change;
- (b) if so, whether Government has envisioned the introduction of a 'Climate Budget' at the national level to deal with the effects of climate change and disasters; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) India's action on climate change is guided by the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), which is the overarching policy framework and comprises of National missions in specific areas of solar energy, enhanced energy efficiency, water, agriculture, Himalayan eco-system, sustainable habitat, green India, human health and strategic knowledge on climate change. Thirty-four States/Union Territories (UTs) including Odisha have prepared their State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC) in line with NAPCC taking into account the State specific issues relating to climate change. The responsibility of the implementation of the SAPCC's rest with the respective States.

The State Government of Odisha has prepared its SAPCC consistent with the strategy outlined in the NAPCC. Odisha has put climate change concerns at the centre of its plans and policies. Odisha's Climate Budget is a consequence of its endeavours towards securing broader developmental benefits of large-scale investments being made, and at the same time avoiding potential future losses that climate change stands to exacerbate. It defines Odisha's climate response agenda and an effort towards facilitating greater effectiveness of climate related public expenditures, as well as significant climate adaptation and mitigation measures.

- (b) and (c) The Union Budget 2020-21 stated that India's climate action will be executed in various sectors by the Departments/ Ministries concerned through the normal budgeting process. The successive Union Budgets have scaled up the efforts towards

mobilizing resources for climate action. The Union Budget 2023-24 places greening the economy as one of the top seven priorities. The Budget indicated many programmes such as green fuel, green energy, green farming, green mobility, green buildings, and green equipment, and policies for efficient use of energy across various economic sectors.

India's climate actions across various sectors are embedded in various programmes and schemes. The National Missions under NAPCC are anchored by specific line Ministries/Departments including allocation of funds under their relevant schemes as a part of their annual budgetary allocations.
