

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives being taken to promote sustainable and eco-friendly development in the State of Odisha;
- (b) the steps being taken to reduce environmental degradation while pursuing industrial development in the State;
- (c) the role of NITI Aayog in helping the State of Odisha to achieve its sustainable development goals; and
- (d) the fund allocated to green development projects in the State of Odisha during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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- (a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) has been implementing various afforestation schemes. MoEFCC is implementing Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) with the primary objective to create forest/green spaces in urban areas by developing Nagar Van/Vatikas, with a view to protect forest land within cities/towns or its fringes from degradation and encroachment. The scheme is designed to actively engage local residents and different agencies in developing bio-diverse forests for social and environmental benefits in an urban landscape. So far, MoEFCC has sanctioned 35 Nagar Van projects in Odisha at a cost of Rs.26.72 crores of which Rs. 18.71 crores were released during the last three years (FY 22 to FY 24).

MoEFCC is also implementing a scheme 'School Nursery Yojana' in the country. The School Nursery Yojana (SNY) aims to provide an environment for the students to

understand and appreciate the significance of plants in maintaining and sustaining the natural ecosystem. So far, MoEFCC has sanctioned total 50 SNY projects in Odisha at a cost of Rs.0.47 crores of which Rs.0.33 crores have been released in FY 2022-23.

National Mission for a Green India (GIM) is one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change. It aims at protecting, restoring, and enhancing India's forest cover and responding to Climate Change by undertaking plantation activities in the forest and non-forest areas. GIM activities were started in the FY 2015-16 in the State of Odisha. So far, a sum of Rs. 88.37 crores have been released to carry out the GIM (afforestation) activities as per the approved Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) in the selected landscapes. A total of Rs. 38.80 crores were released in the last three years FY 22 to FY 24 under the scheme.

States and Union Territories were advised by the Govt. of India to prepare State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC), consistent with the strategy outlined in the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). In order to reduce environmental degradation while pursuing industrial development, Odisha, as per central guidelines has formulated and follows the State Action Plan on Climate Change. Odisha's SAPCC emphasizes sustainable development through climate-resilient strategies in agriculture, coastal zones, energy, fisheries, forests, health, industry, mining, transport, urban planning, and water management.

- (c) NITI Aayog is the nodal institution for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the country, leading the 2030 Agenda with the spirit of cooperative and competitive federalism. It evaluates the performance of States/UTs through the SDG India Index, promotes SDG localisation, and encourages a competitive spirit among States and UTs. The SDG India Index Report, released by NITI Aayog, evaluates the performance of all States and UTs, benchmarking them based on their overall achievements across various goals. The fourth edition of SDG India Index was released in 2023. The report highlights India's progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), showcasing significant improvement in the overall score from 66 in year 2020-21 to 71 in 2023-24.

While promoting SDG localization among States/UTs, NITI Aayog provides support to States/UTs in aligning SDG targets with relevant schemes and departments, developing State/UT specific SDG vision documents, expanding the indicator framework to district and block levels, setting up of SDG coordination and acceleration centres to promote localisation and integrating the State/UT budgets with the SDGs.

NITI Aayog actively supports States in accelerating progress on SDGs by providing strategic guidance, policy recommendations, and capacity-building initiatives. As part of its ongoing efforts to drive sustainable and inclusive development, NITI Aayog has recently organized a National Conference on Fast-Tracking and Reporting of Progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the State Support Mission (SSM), in partnership with the Government of Odisha and UNDP to provide support to States/UTs in fast-tracking SDGs.

- (d) The budget provisions for last three years under different schemes for green development in Odisha are appended in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1266 FOR 10.03.2025 BY SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA

Funding Allocated to Green Development Projects in Odisha for the Year 2022-23 to 2024-25*				
		(Rs. in lakh)		
		Budget Provision		
Department / Scheme		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	1	2	3	4
Water Resources				
1	Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Change Resilient Agriculture (OIIPCRA) - (EAP) (SSS)	30000.00	30000.00	38000.00
2	Sustainable Harnessing of ground water in water deficit areas through OLIC (SSS)	40000.00	30000.00	50000.00
3	Rooftop Rain Water Harvesting and Ground Water Recharge in Urban Areas (SSS)	450.00	4181.57	5000.00
4	Ground Water Recharge and Awareness Programme (SSS)	450.00	900.00	1000.00
Transport				
1	Implementation of Electric Vehicle Policy (SSS)	5000.00	2500.00	15000.00
Forest Env. & CC				
1	Green Climate Fund (GCF)(SSS)	5269.24	2323.12	500.00
2	Climate change Action Plan (CS)	109.98	99.98	99.98
4	Environmental Management (SSS)	100.00	300.36	300.36
5	Regional Plant Resources Centre and Biodiversity Board (SSS)	350.01	570.00	4500.00
6	Conservation & management of Mangrove (CSS)	250.00	300.00	0.02
7	Conservation and Development of Wetlands (CSS)	1100.00	1100.02	0.04
8	Conservation of Natural Resources and Ecosystems (CSS)	833.00	833.00	1050.00
9	Conservation and Development of wetland (SSS)		500.50	1100.00
Energy				
1	Use of Solar Photovoltaic System (SSS)	3000.00	4000.00	600.00

2	Roof top solar photovoltaic system for govt./Agencies Building (SSS)	1000.00	0.01	1500.00
3	Green City Mission (SSS)	1000.01	0.01	2000.00
4	Equity Support to OREDA for Land Based Solar Projects (SSS)	1000.00	1000.00	0.01
5	Contribution towards Renewable Energy (SSS)		5000.00	
6	Odisha Renewable Energy Development Fund (SSS)			6719.00
7	Share Capital Investment in OREDA (Odisha Akshaya Shakti Bikash Yojana) (SSS)			4500.00
8	State support for Roof Top Solar Projects (PM Surya Ghar) (SSS)			10000.00
9	Development of Floating Solar Projects (SSS)			10000.00
10	Development of Wind Energy Projects (SSS)			5000.00
	Total	89912.24	83608.57	156869.41

*SSS refer to state schemes while CS and CSS refer to Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes respectively.
