

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1741**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

**INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION**

1741 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering the shortcomings arising due to lack of institutional capacity and lack of departmental coordination in the implementation of environmental policies in Raigad district of State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the steps being taken to enhance the financial and technical capacity of urban local bodies;
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish an integrated planning mechanism for environmental management; and
- (d) the capacity building programmes and innovative financial models being developed for effective environmental governance for local bodies?

**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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) The Government of Maharashtra has established dedicated Climate Action Cells in all districts, including Raigad for better inter-departmental co-ordination and implementation of climate related policies, schemes and programmes. The District Climate Action Cell, chaired by District Collector, reviews formulation and implementation of District Climate Action Plan, execution of the State Action Plan on Climate Change and various state government initiatives such as the Mazi Vasundhara Abhiyan and Bamboo Plantation drive.
- (b) On the recommendations of Finance Commission, grants are provided to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) through the State Governments in accordance with the operational guidelines. These grants are used by the ULBs for sanitation, solid waste management,

drinking water supply, rain water harvesting, water recycling, as well as for any of the eighteen subjects enshrined in the Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Under the Integrated Capacity Building Programme (ICBP) initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), capacity building training are being provided to the ULB officials through different missions of the Ministry namely, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT 2.0), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Housing for All (PMAY-HFA). In addition, there are specific courses relating to various schemes of MoHUA, as well as domain and functional area based courses which are available on the iGOT Karmayogi platform for enhancing the capacity of ULB officials.

- (c) The Government of Maharashtra has established dedicated Climate Action Cells in all the AMRUT cities, districts and revenue divisions of the state to formulate and implement its climate action plans. The Divisional Climate Action Cells under the Divisional Commissioner supervise and review the functioning of the District and City Climate Action Cells and the climate planning process. The Divisional Climate Action Cells have also been assigned the responsibility to act as 'Environment Resource Cells'. These cells provide counsel and guidance on local environmental issues and will consist of experts, academics, researchers from educational institutions and private sector. Additionally, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) prepare District Environmental Plans covering waste, water, air quality etc. for districts in the State.
- (d) The State Climate Action Cell regularly conducts capacity-building programmes for representatives of urban local bodies of AMRUT cities including webinars and workshops on various aspects of climate planning, EV policy implementation, urban decarbonization, Nature-based Solutions (NbS), climate budgeting and climate finance for cities, urban heat mitigation and cooling.

Under the Majhi Vasundhara Abhiyan, similar webinars are held for gram panchayats and urban bodies, focusing on thematic indicators tied to the five elements of nature, promoting wide participation in the initiative. The Government of Maharashtra has also launched the Monsoon Academy's Transform Program: Climate Action in Cities Fellowship, a 10-week initiative to empower City Climate Action Cell officials across AMRUT cities with advanced climate planning skills.

Additionally, the State Climate Action Cell is developing a Climate Finance Access and Mobilization Strategy to mobilize funds, including through Municipal Green Bonds.

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