

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

Financial support to Odisha under NCAP

2121. SMT. SULATA DEO:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry would consider the Odisha's request for financial support under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to address particulate pollution in urban centers such as Bhubaneswar and Rourkela; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (b): National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in January 2019 to improve air quality in 130 non-attainment and Million-Plus cities in 24 States/UTs of the country through implementation of National, State and City level clean air action plans. The programme includes 7 cities of Odisha namely Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Kalinga Nagar, Cuttack, Balasore, Talcher and Angul.

Funds under NCAP are provided to cities based on the achievement of air quality performance against the annual air pollution reduction targets in terms of PM10 levels in accordance with the MoEF&CC guidelines on 'Release and utilisation of funds under National Clean Air Programme' dated 25.08.2022. Based on this methodology, an amount of Rs.27.62 crore and Rs.31.29 crore has been released to Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, respectively as a critical gap funding for implementation of air quality improvement measures as part of city action plans.
