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Climate change adaptation and mitigation projects for Maharashtra

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

- (a) the details of central funds allocated and released specifically to Maharashtra for climate change adaptation and mitigation projects during the last three financial years;
- (b) the steps Government proposes to take to establish a dedicated, long-term fund for climate resilience in the State, in addition to existing schemes, to effectively implement the State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC); and
- (c) whether Government would undertake an immediate assessment of the State's financial requirements to address recurring climate -induced losses to agriculture, infrastructure and human life?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Under the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) established in 2015 to support adaptation activities in the States and Union Territories (UTs) of India that are vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, the following projects are being implemented in the State of Maharashtra :
 - i. Efficient Water Management and Agriculture Technology Adoption for Climate Adaptive and Resilient Farming System in 51 villages of Nandurbar and Buldhana Districts of Maharashtra with a total cost of Rs. 22.95 crores. The project aims at developing climate adaptive and resilient farming systems through efficient water management and technology adoption for adaptive agriculture by rural families associated with agriculture and allied sector in two climate vulnerable and drought prone districts of Maharashtra.
 - ii. Regional Project (Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana) on “Restoration of Degraded Landscapes to Natural State of Ecosystem for Climate Resilience and Livelihood Improvement of Vulnerable Communities” with a total project cost of Rs. 126.1 crores. The project is mainly related to ecological restoration on the degraded forest areas and community wasteland.

- iii. Both projects are ongoing with an extended tenure of implementation up to 31st March 2026.

In addition to the above, one project on – ‘Enhancing climate resilience of India’s coastal communities’ (multi-state project) from the multilateral Green Climate Fund (GCF) has been approved for Maharashtra. This project strengthens the climate resilience of coastal communities by protecting and restoring India’s natural ecosystems such as mangroves and seagrass, which are essential for buffering against storm surges. The grant support of USD 43.4 million has been provided and project will be implemented in 24 target ecosystems in 12 coastal districts across the states of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Odisha.

(b) to (c) The Government of India has supported preparation and revision of State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCCs) in all States and Union Territories, including Maharashtra, to integrate adaptation and mitigation measures into development planning. SAPCC revised from time to time includes assessment of the State's financial requirements including for agriculture, infrastructure etc. The revised SAPCC identifies sectoral interventions and investment needs that can be supported through convergence with ongoing national missions and central schemes. The States can maintain and periodically update SAPCCs with prioritized, need-based adaptation actions, developed through cross-sector inputs from relevant Departments and through convergence with ongoing schemes/ programmes / projects.
