GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3547 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2018

Budget Allocation for Protection of Environment

3547. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

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

- (a) whether there has been an increase in budget allocations for protection and conservation of environment during the last three years;
- (b) whether the increase has provided for inflation impact;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there has been no increase in allocation to the Climate Change Action Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) There has been increase in budget allocation of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Year-wise budget allocations during last three years are:

Year	Budget Estimate	% increase over last budget
	(in Rupees crore)	
2015-16	1791.60	
2016-17	2250.34	25.60
2017-18	2675.42	18.89

The increase in budget allocation is higher than the average inflation rate in the country during the period.

(d) & (e) There has also been an increase in the allocation of budget for the scheme 'Climate Change Action Plan' in last three years with Budget Estimate of Rs 25 crore in 2015-16, Rs 30 crore in 2016-17 and Rs 40 crore in 2017-18.
