

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2799**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2018

**National Clean Air Programme**

2799. SHRI OM BIRLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to tackle the problems of increased air pollution during the winter season;
- (b) if so, the aims, objectives along with the salient features associated with the programme thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans on implementing the NCAP in the other parts of the country as well and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to encourage the use of technology in increasing the plantation and forest cover of the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a to c) The government has formulated National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) as a long term time bound national level strategy to tackle the increasing air pollution problem across the country in comprehensive manner. The overall objective is comprehensive management for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution besides augmenting and evolving effective ambient air quality monitoring network across the country. The NCAP focuses on collaborative and participatory approach covering all sources of pollution and coordination between relevant Central Ministries, State Governments, local bodies and other stakeholders. Hundred (100) non-attainment cities have been selected for formulation and implementation of city specific action plan under NCAP. In addition, the NCAP has many additional peripheral components viz. Technical Assessment Cell, technology support, sharing of international best practices, awareness and capacity building, source apportionment studies, plantation drive, intensive inspection drive etc to support the time bound implementation of NCAP.

(d) Ministry has implemented National Afforestation Programm (NAP) for afforestation and eco-restoration of degraded forests in the country through people's participation. The NAP stands merged with Green India Mission (GIM) during the current financial year. National Mission for a Green India is one of the eight missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change. It aims at increasing forest cover and improvement of quality of existing forest. The Mission supports use of Geomatics (remote sensing with GPS mapping of boundaries) for monitoring at the output/outcome level.

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