

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2943
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28.12.2018

Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan in Forest Areas

2943. PROF RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has instructed all the offices of the Department of Forest in the country to implement Swachh Bharat Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount of funds released under this head during the last three years along with the amount of funds utilised?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. The Government has instructed all the offices of the Department of Forest in the country to implement Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Following efforts have been undertaken to implement Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in Protected Areas (National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries) and Zoos in India:-

1. Protected Areas across India have been advised to take up the cleanliness and sanitation awareness generation activities in furtherance of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
2. Advisories on Waste Management in and around protected areas have been issued to all States and Union Territories.
3. States have been advised to take 'Green Pledge' and carry out sensitization and cleanliness drives in and around villages situated in the vicinity of Protected Areas by involving staff of forest department, students and Self-Help Groups.
4. Swachhta Pakhwada is organized by the forest Departments across the country every year.

(c) A separate budget head has been created for expenditure under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in the financial year 2018-19 in the Ministry. As on date an amount of Rs 6.01cr has been released to implement the Swachhta Action Plan against budgetary allocation of Rs 7.00 cr.
