

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1218
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.06.2019

Funds Released under NAP

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

- (a) the manner in which Green India Mission is different from National Afforestation Programme (NAP);
- (b) whether the Government is aware that just Rs. 80 lakhs have been released under NAP to Andhra Pradesh in 2015-16 as compared to Rs. 4.5 crore in 2014-15;
- (c) if so, the reasons for such sharp decline in allocation in 2015-16 and the details of the allocation made for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that no funds have been released for Andhra Pradesh under Green India Mission since 2013-14; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is implemented for afforestation of degraded forest lands with participatory approach, whereas Green India Mission (GIM), one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change, aims at protecting, restoring and enhancing India's forest cover on landscape approach to treat large contiguous areas of both forest and non-forest lands.
- (b) & (c) As NAP is demand driven, funds are released based on demand from various states, submission of mandatory documents and the budget availability during the particular year. NAP was being implemented as 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme, since inception (2000-02) till 2014-15. However, from 2015-16 the funding pattern for Centrally Sponsored Schemes was changed from 100 percent to 60:40 percent on sharing basis between Central and State Governments. During the year 2015-16, an amount of Rs. 75 crores only was the total allocated budget under NAP for Rest of India States excluding North Eastern States. During 2015-16 the proposal of NAP of Andhra Pradesh was approved for Rs. 4.44 crores which included Rs. 2.66 crores as central share and an amount of Rs. 87 lakhs was released as first installment after adjusting the funds available as unspent with them. Second installment funds could not be released due to non-submission of mandatory documents as per guidelines. Further an amount of Rs. 1.33 crores and Rs. 3.36 crores was released during 2016-17 and 2017-18. During

2018-19 Rs. 6.38 crores was released which also included the pending amount of previous years.

- (d) & (e) An amount of Rs. 1.06 crores, Rs. 0.45 crores and Rs.2.67 Crores have been released during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively to Andhra Pradesh under Green India Mission as central share.
