

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3069
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

National Coastal Mission

3069. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that there has been a drastic decrease in the Budget Estimates for the National Coastal Mission (NCM) between 2022-23 and 2023-24, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether there has been a consistent underutilisation of funds allocated to the NCM between 2017-18 and 2022-23, if so, reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steps being taken by the Government to ensure proper utilisation of funds for achievement of the objectives of the NCM;
- (d) whether Government is currently implementing the NCM and if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (e) the budgetary allocation made for NCM, during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and the details of the progress made under NCM till date; and
- (f) whether NCM has met its stipulated targets since its operation, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) The budgetary allocation (Budget Estimates) of National Coastal Mission (NCM) for 2022-23 and 2023-24 is Rs. 195 Crores and Rs. 12.50 Crores respectively. The NCM has both externally aided project (EAP) and non-EAP components. However, in the Revised Estimates stage, the EAP component for 2022-23 (Rs. 170 crore) has been excluded.
- (b) The details of fund allocated and utilized between 2017-18 and 2022-2023 are as under:

Year	Component	Budget Estimates (Rs in Cr.)	Revised Estimates (Rs in Cr.)	Budget utilized (Rs in Cr.)
2017-18	Non EAP	5.0	0	0
	EAP	441.98	152.00	152.00
2018-19	Non EAP	15.0	10.10	9.55
	EAP	150.0	120.0	120.0
2019-20	Non EAP	20.0	16.0	15.84
	EAP	75.0	80.0	75.0
2020-21	Non EAP	18.0	7.34	7.34
	EAP	85.0	61.0	61.0
2021-22	Non EAP	50.0	30.90	27.79
	EAP	150.0	70.0	0
2022-23	Non EAP	25	4.0	2.98 (as on 15.3. 2023)
	EAP	170	0	0

(c) to (f) NCM is an ongoing Scheme under the National Coastal Management Program. The objective of the NCM is to address the following issues in the coastal territory:

- i. Improve conservation of ecologically sensitive areas (as per Coastal Regulation Zone [CRZ] Notification, and Island Coastal Regulation Zone [ICRZ]) through its restoration, Protection and Management, while ensuring enhanced annual CO₂ sequestration potential of vegetated coastal habitats and coastal wetlands.
- ii. Protect shorelines, assets, and communities, coastal erosion, sea level change, and vulnerabilities including low elevation coastal zones.
- iii. Adapt and improve employment generation, opportunities for coastal communities to reduce pressures on coastal/marine ecosystems.
- iv. Control pollution from land based sources and develop eco-friendly infrastructure for environmental protection to support pollution prevention and enhancement of environmental quality.
- v. Develop capacity and institution to implement CRZ Notification and achieve the objectives of Integrated and Sustainable Coastal Management as per National Environment Policy (2006) and in consonance with the SDG-14 as applicable to coastal and marine resources.
- vi. To enhance India's commitment towards UN Sustainable Development Goals in the Coastal Regions.

The implementing agencies of NCM are the State Governments of Coastal States and Union Territories. The funds are released based on the recommendation of the State Level Steering Committees for conservation and management of Mangroves and on their submission of Utilization Certificates.

The state wise allocation of funds under NCM during the last three years is as under: -.

States/UTs	Year/Rs in lakhs		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Odisha	154.41	154.80	56.50
Tamil Nadu	0	26.38	45.50
Karnataka	110.92	92.42	5.91
Kerala	0	0	21.60
West Bengal	0	0	90.50
Goa	106.00	98.13	0
Gujarat	486.36	233.98	36.39
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	3.00
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	4.50

Under NCM, activities related to conservation and management of coastal ecosystems such as mangrove plantation, shelterbelt plantation, coral transplantation, enhancement of livelihood security of coastal communities, pollution abatement in coastal areas and capacity building have been carried out. In addition, 10 beaches have been accorded the Blue Flag Certification under NCM. Moreover, Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans (ICZMP) for identified stretches of Gujarat and Odisha have been prepared. Further, ICZM Plan and Marine Spatial Plan for identified stretches of West Bengal have also been prepared.
