Utilisation of Funds

5185. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

(a) the reasons for utilising only twenty sevenper cent of the funds allocated to the Ministry during the year 2022-23 for the ‘Climate Change Action Plan’;
(b) the reasons for utilising only fifty-five percent of the funds allocated under the National Mission for Green India; and
(c) whether the Government is taking steps to ensure that such abysmal under-utilisation of funds does not recur and if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) and (b) The expenditure under the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) scheme for the financial year 2022-23 is 92.36 percent of total Revised Estimate (RE). For the Green India Mission (GIM), the revised estimate for financial year 2022-23 was Rs. 188.00 crores. So far Rs. 136.00 crores have been utilized, which is 72% of the total budget allocations of GIM. Funds under GIM have been released based on the approval of Annual Plan of Operations by National Executive Council of GIM and submission of progress reports, utilization certificates and other necessary documents by the States.

(c) Does not arise