

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1835
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

Tagging of Climate Budget in Budgetary Process

1835. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any measures to incorporate climate budget tagging in the budgetary process at the Central level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has specific guidelines or frameworks in place to ensure the identification and categorization of climate-related expenditures across various sectors and Ministries and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of coordination and collaboration between the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change and other relevant Ministries or Departments to ensure the integration of climate budget tagging in their respective budgetary processes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (d) The Union Budget 2020-21 stated that India's climate action will be executed in various sectors by the Departments/ Ministries concerned through the normal budgeting process. The successive Union Budgets have scaled up the efforts towards mobilizing resources for climate action. The Union Budget 2023-24 places greening the economy as one of the top seven priorities. The Budget indicated many programmes such as green fuel, green energy, green farming, green mobility, green buildings, and green equipment, and policies for efficient use of energy across various economic sectors.

India's climate actions across various sectors are embedded in various programmes and schemes. The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) provides the overarching framework for all climate actions and comprises missions in specific areas of solar energy, enhanced energy efficiency, sustainable habitat, water, sustaining Himalayan ecosystems, Green India, sustainable agriculture, human health and strategic knowledge for climate change. All these Missions are institutionalized and implemented by their respective nodal Ministries/Departments, including allocation of funds under their relevant schemes as a part of their annual budgetary allocations.

The pre-budget meetings are convened by the Ministry of Finance to consult various stakeholders including the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for the annual budget exercise.
