

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

Development of Sunderbans

2367. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

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

- (a) the details of the fund allocated for the development of Sunderbans during the financial year 2020-21 and the percentage of the fund released or expended; and
- (b) whether the Government has made any plan or programme for the development of Sunderban during the last five years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the future initiative in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The details of fund allocated and released during the year 2020-21 to the Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal and unspent balance of previous financial year (2019-20) under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger with the said Tiger Reserve are as under:-

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Fund Sanctioned (Central Share) during 2020-21	Total Fund Available in the Year 2020-21 (including unspent of Year 2019-20)	Fund Utilized during 2020-21
494.15	366.77	292.98

Based on the Annual Plan of Operation submitted by the State, funding assistance is provided under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to tiger range States for conservation and protection of tigers and other wildlife. The details of fund released during last five years to the Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal are as under:-

Year	Amount released (Rs. In Lakhs)
2016-17	329.2577
2017-18	397.0908
2018-19	456.22
2019-20	599.590
2020-21	173.67
Total	1955.829
