GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1965 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022

Environment Management Capacity Building Project

1965. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

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

- (a) the details of schemes and the steps taken by Government for environmental education, awareness and training during the last two years;
- (b) whether World Bank assistance has been taken to promote Environment Management Capacity Building Project in various States of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent there on during the said period, Statewise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is implementing a Central Sector Scheme titled Environment Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT) with the objective, *inter alia*, to promote environmental awareness and mobilize students' participation for environment conservation. Grants-in-aid are sanctioned under this Scheme for implementing the National Green Corps (NGC) Programme, under whichmore than 1 lakh Eco-clubs have been formed in schools and colleges. The Eco-clubs undertake various activities like plantation drives, cleanliness drives, celebration of important environmental days, awareness and capacity building on solid waste management through waste segregation, etc. with an aim to spread awareness on environmental issues among students. A financial assistance of Rs 5,000/- per Eco-club is provided under this programme with a ceiling of 500 school Eco-clubs per district and 100 college Eco-clubs per State. A total expenditure of Rs. 44.76 crore has been incurred on this Scheme during the year 2020-21 and Rs. 42.66 crore (as on 08.03.2022) during the current year 2021-22.
- (b) & (c) No World Bank aided Environment Management Capacity Building Project has been implemented for environmental education, awareness and training during the last two years.
