

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Participation of NGOs in environmental projects

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

- (a) The details of the plans of the Government to encourage Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for participating in environmental projects across the country;
- (b) The details of terms, conditions and eligibility prescribed to make NGOs eligible for the project;
- (c) The amount of funds allocated/release to NGOs in this regard during the last three years and the current year, year-wise along with the funds utilized for this purpose during the said period; and
- (d) The details of environment and afforestation projects in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar and West Bengal along with cost incurred during the last three years and the current year location/district-wise?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) : There are several schemes in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under which Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) can participate in environmental projects. The details of terms, conditions and qualifications for NGOs to be eligible under these schemes are enclosed at Annexure-I. The details of funds released to NGOs, during the last three years and the current year, are given at Annexure-II.

(d) : As per the available information, the details of environment and afforestation projects in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar and West Bengal, along with their location and cost incurred during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-III.

Name of Scheme (CS/CSS/Esstt)	Terms, Conditions and Qualifications for NGOs eligibility
Research and Development (R&D) (Central Sector Scheme)	The scheme is open to all research institutions including NGOs in India with expertise in identified thematic areas to undertake projects on specific areas related to environmental protection and conservation of natural resources in the country. Institutions availing such funding under the Scheme are provided a Grant for the research projects. NGOs and Registered Societies are required to first register in the NITI Aayog's Darpan Portal.
Development of Wild-life habitats (DWH) (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)	Under the Development of Wildlife Habitats Scheme, grant is provided to State/UTs mainly for the conservation and management of Protected Areas (PAs), recovery of endangered species, mitigating man-animal conflict, and voluntary relocation of families for creating inviolate space for wild animals, healthier ecosystem and repository as source for gene pool. In addition to this, funds are also provided to various agencies including NGOs for the research Projects. The projects submitted by NGOs are evaluated by Project Advisory Committee. The Committee also evaluates the final technical report. In addition to this, NGO should be registered on NGO Darpan Portal.
National Mission of Himalyan Study Scheme (NMHS) (Central Sector Scheme)	NMHS, a Central Sector scheme, was launched in 2015-16 with a vision to support the sustenance and enhancement of the ecological, natural, cultural and socio-economic capital assets and values of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). NGOs can take up Environmental projects under the NMHS across the Indian Himalayan region. The projects from NGOs are selected on merit basis through open advertisement, besides mandatory registration on the NITI Aayog's Darpan Portal.
Development and Promotion of Clean Technology and Waste Minimization strategies	The scheme was initiated in 1994 with the objective of development and promotion of cleaner technologies and waste minimization, development of tools and techniques for pollution prevention, formulation of sustainable development strategies. The Scheme has been discontinued since 2017-18 and funds are being released only for the ongoing projects.

Annexure-II

Funds released to NGOs for participating in environmental projects during 2019-20 to 2022-23 (upto June):

(In Rs.)

Name of the Scheme	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
(RE) Research & Development Scheme	5,64,364.00	--	--	--
(DWH) Development of wild-life habitats Scheme	12,80,940.00 (2019)	-- (2020)	10,00,000.00 (2021)	3,46,800.00 (2022)
(NMHS) National Mission of Himalayan Study Scheme	--	6,70,00,000.00	--	--
(Clean Technology) Development and Promotion of Clean Technology and Waste Minimization strategies	5,66,557.00	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	24,11,861.00	6,70,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	3,46,800.00

Annexure-III

Details of expenditure incurred during 2019-20 to 2022-23 (upto June) on environment and afforestation projects in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal :

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State	Funds Released
1.	Jammu and Kashmir Funds released under GIM, NAP, NAEB, DWH,	2.5
2.	Madhya Pradesh Funds released under GIM, NAP, NAEB, DWH, PE, NTCA	12.68
3.	Maharashtra Funds released under NAEB, DWH, PE, NTCA	5.21
4.	West Bengal Funds released under GIM, NAEB, DWH, PE, NTCA	1.75
5.	Bihar Funds released under NAP, NAEB, DWH, PE, NTCA	3.21
6.	Jharkhand Funds released under NAP, NAEB, DWH, PE, NTCA	4.79