

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2124
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024

National Action Programme to Combat Desertification

2124. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details about aim and budget allocation for the National Action Programme to Combat Desertification (NAPCD);
- (b) the details of projects undertaken to combat desertification during the last three years, State-wise along with the success rate particularly in West Bengal;
- (c) the details of impact of above projects on land degradation and restoration along with data, if any, in this regard; and
- (d) the manner in which NAPCD impacts the flora and fauna of the areas where the plan is implemented?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) India is a party to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and National Action Plan to Combat Desertification, 2023 was prepared taking due consideration of the country's commitments for restoration of 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030. The plan further suggests indicative models under the categorization of remedial and preventive models for combating land degradation and desertification and details about the new initiatives to address the issues of land degradation.

The National Action Plan to Combat Desertification, 2023 highlights the need for a synergetic, efficient planning and implementation of the eco-restoration initiatives in the country by converging all afforestation schemes to provide the much-needed impetus and focus on sustainable management of forest and natural resources. The plan emphasizes on convergence of the various schemes for restoration of the degraded land and does not have separate provision for financial assistance.

- (b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
