

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025

Mangrove Forest Protection Measures in Andhra Pradesh

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

- (a) the specific measures taken by the Government to protect and restore mangrove forests along the coast of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years and the current year;
- (b) the impact of these measures on local fishing communities belong to SC/ST; and
- (c) the details of the plans, if any, to involve these communities in mangrove conservation efforts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) As a part of Budget Announcement 2023-24, the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) was launched to promote and restore mangroves and enhance the resilience of coastal ecosystems. Implementation of the scheme is undertaken based on proposals submitted by the coastal States/UTs, through convergence with various schemes including State/National CAMPA, MGNREGS and State Plans. An area of 1649.72 ha has been taken up in the 6 districts of Andhra Pradesh namely Bapatla, Kakinada, Eluru, Krishna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema and Tirupati. A sum of ₹ 13.077 crores has been released to the State for undertaking the core and support activities under MISHTI through gap funding from National CAMPA.

The MISHTI program encompasses both core activities, such as plantation and restoration, and support activities, which include livelihood diversification, awareness generation and capacity building, research and development, publicity and outreach, monitoring and evaluation, and the promotion of ecotourism through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and are taken up as per the plans received from the States under MISHTI. In addition, local communities have a central role in implementing core activities such as nursery raising, plantation, mangrove monitoring, seed collection, channel excavation, feeder/field channel construction, and seed dibbling in mangrove plantation and restoration programs.
