GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2465 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

Status of NAFCC

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

- (a) the current status of the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) as of December 2025:
- (b) the specific objectives and focus areas of the NAFCC in supporting climate adaptation projects;
- (c) the number and types of projects funded under the NAFCC and their geographical distribution; and
- (d) the outcomes achieved so far and measures taken to overcome any challenges in project execution and impact assessment?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) The National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) was established in 2015 as a Central Sector Scheme to support adaptation activities in the States and Union Territories (UTs) of India that are vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The objectives of NAFCC are:
 - i. Funding concrete adaptation projects/ programmes aligned with the relevant Missions under NAPCC and the SAPCCs in agriculture, horticulture, agro-forestry, environment, allied activities, water, forestry, urban, coastal and low-lying system, disaster management, human health, marine system, tourism, habitat sector and other rural livelihood sectors to address climate change related issues.
 - ii. Preparing and updating climate scenario, assessing vulnerability and climate impact assessment
 - iii. Capacity building of various stakeholders on climate change adaptation and project cycle management and developing knowledge network
 - iv. Mainstreaming the approaches/ learnings from project/programme implementation through knowledge Management.

Under NAFCC, the 30 projects are spread over 25 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs) focus on Agriculture & Allied Sectors; Water; Ecosystems and Biodiversity; and Forestry sectors. Based on the recommendation of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) meeting held on 23rd November 2022, NAFCC was converted from Central Sector Scheme to non-scheme.

- (d) The key achievements of the completed NAFCC Projects as per the Third Party Evaluation conducted in August 2025 are given below:
 - i. Community Outreach & Awareness: Conducted extensive awareness programmes and community mobilisation activities on climate adaptation, water security, and sustainable livelihoods.
 - ii. Climate-Resilient Agriculture: Promoted drought and saline-tolerant crops, integrated farming, and sustainable aquaculture to strengthen food security.
- iii. Support for Vulnerable Communities: Enhanced livelihoods of tribal, women, and marginalised groups through skill building, resource access, and value-added production.
- iv. Knowledge & Data Systems: Strengthened climate information access through GIS mapping, open data platforms, and integration with state climate plans.
- v. Capacity Building for Adaptation: Delivered targeted training with implementing agencies and NGOs, improving adaptive skills, market linkages, and community resilience.
