

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 851**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023

**Central fund for environmental awareness**

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

- (a) whether there is any central fund for environmental education, awareness creation and training;
- (b) if so, the total funds spent for environmental education, awareness creation and training in the last 5 years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the programmes conducted under the fund?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
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(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change was implementing the Environment Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT) scheme till FY 2021-22 with the objective, *inter alia*, to promote environmental awareness and mobilize students' participation for environment conservation. During the last five years, grants-in-aid were sanctioned under this Scheme for National Green Corps (NGC) Programme, National Nature Camping Programme (NNCP) and Capacity Building Activities (CBA).

Under the NGC programme, more than 1 lakh Eco-clubs were formed in schools and colleges with an aim to educate students and to spread awareness on environmental issues through various activities like plantation drives, cleanliness drives, celebration of important environmental days, awareness and capacity building on solid waste management through waste segregation, etc. A financial assistance of Rs 5,000/- per Eco-club was provided under this programme during FY 2021-22 with a ceiling of 500 school Eco-clubs per district and 100 college Eco-clubs per State.

The National Nature Camping Programme (NNCP) was implemented with an aim to provide 'nature experience' to students and trigger their sensitivity towards nature and its conservation. Under this programme, field visits/ nature camps were organized in different Protected Areas/ Nature Parks/ Tiger Reserves of the country and activities like preparing checklist of flora and fauna spotted in the nature trail, bird watching, trekking, green pledges,

group discussions, sharing of experiences, etc. were undertaken. A financial assistance not exceeding Rs. 2,000/- per student for a camp of 2 nights and 3 days was provided under this programme, with a ceiling of 20 camps per State/ Union Territory.

The objective of Capacity Building Activities (CBA) programme was to impart skills to students and teachers of Eco-clubs on various themes like biodiversity conservation, waste management, Sustainable Development Goals, climate change related issues, control of pollution, etc. A financial assistance of maximum Rs. 5 lakh per State was provided under this programme. The above programmes were implemented through State Nodal Agencies designated by the respective State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations.

The EEAT scheme was revamped in the Financial Year 2022-23 into 'Environment Education Programme (EEP)'. This programme is one of the components of the Central Sector Scheme 'Environment Education, Awareness, Research and Skill Development (EEARSD)' and is implemented with the objective to sensitize children/youth on issues related to environment and to motivate them to adopt sustainable lifestyle through varied pedagogical initiatives like workshops, projects, exhibitions, campaigns, competitions, nature camps, summer vacation programmes, etc. In the year 2022-23, this programme was implemented through Eco-clubs formed under NGC in 12 States/ UTs based on proposals received from the respective Implementing Agencies. Details of State/UT-wise funds released under EEAT and EEP in last 5 years are as below:

(Amount in Rs.)

S. No.	State/ UT	EEAT 2018 – 2023*	EEP 2022-23
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	5,71,76,945	-
3	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
4	Assam	14,37,04,588	1,05,00,000
5	Bihar	-	-
6	Chandigarh	19,68,841	-
7	Chhattisgarh	7,15,96,250	-
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	-	-
9	Delhi	-	-
10	Goa	30,13,977	-
11	Gujarat	20,48,19,626	1,21,00,000
12	Haryana	2,85,50,000	-
13	Himachal Pradesh	3,93,54,129	36,00,000
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1,72,00,000	-
15	Jharkhand	-	-
16	Karnataka	26,68,39,421	8,00,000
17	Kerala	6,22,98,312	44,00,000
18	Ladakh	-	-
19	Lakshadweep	-	-
20	Madhya Pradesh	27,61,57,500	-
21	Maharashtra	7,52,96,388	-

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22	Manipur	1,54,00,000	-
23	Meghalaya	-	-
24	Mizoram	3,60,37,416	46,00,000
25	Nagaland	2,47,46,750	-
26	Odisha	16,27,43,821	89,50,000
27	Puducherry	43,05,000	-
28	Punjab	7,78,92,500	79,00,000
29	Rajasthan	13,29,66,380	16,00,000
30	Sikkim	1,85,14,080	31,00,000
31	Tamil Nadu	6,26,67,700	-
32	Telangana	5,15,77,000	16,00,000
33	Tripura	1,67,62,000	22,68,600
34	Uttarakhand	1,39,45,579	-
35	Uttar Pradesh	5,86,847	-
36	West Bengal	2,90,09,444	-

\* This includes the reimbursement of administrative charges of previous year(s).

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