

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4193

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NEAC CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have invited project proposals from Non- Governmental Organisations, other institutions and schools to participate in the `NEAC-2000-02`, campaign for sustainable development;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have extended any financial assistance to each of them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the main purpose of participating in the `NEAC-2000-02` campaign; and
- (e) the extent to which it has been successful?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government invites project proposals every year from the interested organisations including non-government organisations and schools under National Environment Awareness Campaign. The theme for the NEAC this year is Sustainable Development.

(b)&(c) During 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 2,57,76,500 was provided as financial assistance to 4581 organisations for conducting awareness activities like camps, padyatras, rallies, public meetings, exhibitions, essay/debate/painting/poster competitions, folk dances and songs, street theatre, puppet shows etc. all over the country. For the current year, the last date for submission of proposals to the Regional Resource Agencies is 20th August 2001. The proposals received would be considered thereafter and financial assistance would be provided for suitable proposals.

(d)&(e) The purpose of participating in the campaign is to sensitize general public about the environmental issues and to motivate them to take up programmes for environmental improvement. The campaign has been quite successful in achieving these objectives.