

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any campaign for environmental awareness in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocations made therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether Eco-clubs are proposed to be set up in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

Yes, Sir.

A nation wide campaign called the National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) was launched in the year 1986 with the objective of creating environmental awareness at the national level. Under this campaign, nominal financial assistance is provided to various organizations from all over the country for organizing awareness raising activities. Details of funds released State-wise to 9566 participating organizations during 2005-06 are given in Annexure-I.

Under the National Green Corps programme launched in the year 2001-02, Eco-clubs are being supported in the country.

Under the programme, grant-in-aid of Rs. 2,500/- per Eco-club per annum is provided subject to a maximum of 250 Eco-clubs per district. Details of Eco-clubs supported in the financial year 2005-06 are at Annexure-II.