

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3573

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APPOINTMENT OF CLIMATE MANAGERS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to train and appoint climate managers for creating awareness on environmental issues in rural areas/villages and suggest ways and means to upgrade local ecosystems as well as measures to prevent natural disasters;
- (b) If so, the details thereof including the present status of the proposal;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to provide financial assistance to gram sabhas and village panchayats therefore;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the programme is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) to (e) There is no specific proposal under consideration of the Government to appoint climate managers to create awareness on environmental issues at the village level. However, the Government undertakes several measures to create awareness about environmental issues which include, inter alia, the following:-
- (i) National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) is being implemented with the objective of creating environmental awareness at the national level through designated Regional Resource Agencies (RRAs) appointed for specific States/Regions of the country.
  - (ii) Workshops / conferences / seminars are organised with the support from the Ministry of Environment & Forests on the issue of environment & climate change and publications are brought out.
  - (iii) Eco-clubs are set up with the assistance of the Ministry of Environment & Forests in schools through out the country.
  - (iv) A project for Strengthening of Environmental Education in School System (StreSS) is being implemented.
  - (v) Various events are organised / observed for creating awareness regarding preservation and conservation of the environment e.g. World Environment Day, Earth Day, Ozone Day etc.