

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ENVIRONMENTAL LINK OF FUND ALLOCATION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to devise an action plan for environment- performance (Green linked) linked mechanism for devolution of funds to States during the Twelfth plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the States would be ranked on index covering parameters like air and water purity, forest cover and sustainable livelihood with performance monitoring system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether to ensure sustainable management of biodiversity, it is proposed to relocate villages/habitats in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d): An action plan for environmental performance linked mechanism for devolution of funds to State has not been devised so far by the Planning Commission. An Environmental Performance Index (PC-EPI) to recognize Environmental Performance of States is being evolved by the Planning Commission. The composite index comprises 16 indicators under 5 criteria, viz., Air Pollution, Water Quality, Forest Management, Waste Management & Climate Change.

(e) & (f): Environmental Performance Index does not include as an indicator, relocation of villages/habitats to ensure sustainable management of biodiversity.