

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ORIENTATION TO SCHOOL EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and released under the Environmental Orientation to school education scheme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the progress made under the scheme during the said period, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): Eco-clubs in Government schools under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme of the Ministry of Environment & Forests have been functioning since 2000-2001. The objective is the spread of environmental awareness and environment friendly action amongst school children. A total of 100763, 100298 and 83000 Eco-clubs have been sanctioned financial assistance during 2010-2011, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (upto 11.3.2013), respectively, by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The amount sanctioned and released under the National Green Corps Programme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise is annexed.

In accordance with National Curriculum Framework, 2005, the primary stage of school education includes a compulsory subject on "Environment Studies". At the Upper Primary and Secondary Stages of school education, environment at concern and related issues are included at appropriate places in the text books and other curricular materials. The syllabus prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken cognizance of environmental problems and introduced elements of environmental education for all classes up to secondary level in all its affiliated schools including those located in rural and backward areas of the country. A total of thirteen states have undertaken the task of translating project books of environmental education for class VI to X developed by the NCERT (in Hindi, English & Urdu) in the year 2012.