GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2089 ANSWERED ON:02.12.2009 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN Anuragi Shri Ghansyam

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

- (a) the details of schemes formulated by the Union Government under the National Environment Awareness Campaign for the year 2009-10;
- (b) the funds allocated by the Union Government to the States/UTs for this purpose; and
- (c) the extent of improvement likely to be brought out in the field of environment as a result of such schemes?

Answer

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

- (a) National Environment Awareness Campaign(NEAC) is a programme in itself under the 'Environment Education, Awareness and Training' Scheme of the Ministry of Environment & Forests and is conducted every year. During the year 2009-10, NEAC has been launched on the theme of 'Climate Change' under which different awareness and action programmes are being taken up by the participating agencies including NGOs across the country.
- (b) Under NEAC, funds are released to the approved participating organisations through Regional Resource Agencies appointed for different States and Union Territories. For NEAC 2009-10, different Regional Committees have recommended a total financial assistance of Rs.8,17,14,000/- for implementation of the programme in different States and Union Territories.
- (c) NEAC will result in enhanced awareness amongst the people about environmental issues to invoke their informed participation in the protection of environment.