

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

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ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for environmental improvement and environmental awareness in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the centres working for this purpose in the country under these schemes, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the proposals received by the Union Government from various State Governments under these schemes, State-wise;
- (e) the number of proposals cleared including the funds released, State-wise;
- (f) the number of proposals pending with the Union Government, State-wise including the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the achievements made by implementing the said scheme?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (g) The schemes under implementation by the Ministry of Environment and Forests for environmental improvement and environmental awareness include: Pollution Abatement, National River Conservation Plan, National Coastal Zone Management Plan, National Afforestation Programme, Project Tiger, Project Elephant, Environmental Information, Education & Awareness etc.

Various centres working under these schemes include: Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi, G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora, Uttarakhand, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, Gujarat and CPR Environmental Education Centre, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

On the basis of the proposals received, an amount of Rs.1058.33 crore was released to different State/UT Governments during 2008-09. Implementation of these schemes have helped in prevention and control of pollution, cleaning of rivers, afforestation and regeneration of degraded areas, conservation of flora, fauna, forests and wildlife, enhancement of people's awareness about environmental issues and protection of environment.