

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

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CUT IN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been a cut in allocation of funds for various schemes including clean air, forest maintenance etc. in the current year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether any objection/representation has been received against such cut in allocation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) Plan Budget Estimates (BE) for 2015-16 in respect of all the Plan Schemes of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) including clean air, forest maintenance etc is ` 1446.60 crore as against Revised Estimates (RE) of ` 1550.00 crore in 2014-15. Thus, as compared to RE 2014-15, the Plan Budget allocation stands reduced by 6.7%. The reduction of plan budget funds is mainly due to overall fiscal situation and the change in pattern of funding to the States envisaged by the Fourteenth Finance Commission in its report.

(c) & d) Given the mandate of the MoEF&CC, various constituents' organizations such as subordinate/ attached offices, autonomous institutions have been projecting higher outlays for programmes/ schemes. MoEF&CC has requested the Departmental related Standing Committee of the Parliament for Scientific Ministries during discussion on Demands for Grants 2015-16 to recommend higher allocation of funds to the Ministry.