

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 480
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

Awareness of Environmental Issues

480. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to make people aware of various environmental issues;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to compensate and analyse environmental losses incurred due to developmental works and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of cases registered in the National Green Tribunal during the last three years in the country, including Bundelkhand?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is implementing Environment Education, Awareness and Training scheme with the objective to promote environmental awareness among all sections of the society and to mobilize people's participation for conservation of environment. Under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme of the Ministry, about 90,000 schools have been identified as Eco-clubs, wherein nearly 27 lakh students are actively participating in various environment protection and conservation activities like conducting cleanliness drives as part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, plantation, awareness on waste minimisation, segregation, recycling and reuse etc. Further, Ministry has launched Green Good Deed (GGDs) movement in January 2018 which is social movement with aim to bring about mass environmental awareness in the society at all levels. The GGDs covers all the aspects of environment protection and conservation viz. biodiversity, wildlife, pollution, renewable energy, conservation of lakes and rivers, solid waste management and climate change. GGD is implemented under NGC "Ecoclub" programme.

(b) Government has taken a number of steps to address environmental losses due to developmental works which include system of environment/coastal regulation zone, forest clearances, compliance with laid down standards for emissions and effluent from industrial units; compensatory afforestation; minimization of impact on biodiversity etc under various Acts such as Environment Protection Act, Forest (Conservation) Act, Air Act, Water Act etc.

(c) The details of cases including for Bundelkhand filed in the National Green Tribunal (NGT) during the year 2015, 2016 and 2017 are 5498, 6836 and 5270 respectively.