

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS**DEMAND NO.30****Ministry of Environment and Forests**

A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries, are given below:

		<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i>								
Major Head	Budget 2008-2009			Revised 2008-2009			Budget 2009-2010			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	1481.95	194.72	1676.67	1481.95	209.55	1691.50	1481.95	233.55	1715.50	
Capital	18.05	12.28	30.33	18.05	12.45	30.50	18.05	15.45	33.50	
Total	1500.00	207.00	1707.00	1500.00	222.00	1722.00	1500.00	249.00	1749.00	
1. Secretariat-Economic Services	3451	...	22.00	22.00	...	30.18	30.18	...	35.23	35.23
Forestry and Wildlife										
2. <i>Education and Training</i>										
2.01 State Forest Rangers										
College	2406	3.35	3.00	6.35	3.35	4.47	7.82	3.35	5.47	8.82
	4406	0.45	...	0.45	0.45	...	0.45	0.45	...	0.45
Total		3.80	3.00	6.80	3.80	4.47	8.27	3.80	5.47	9.27
2.02 Indira Gandhi National										
Forest Academy	2406	5.00	3.60	8.60	5.51	4.27	9.78	5.51	5.77	11.28
	4406	1.00	...	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		6.00	3.60	9.60	5.51	4.27	9.78	5.51	5.77	11.28
2.03. Training of I.F.S.	2406	2.00	...	2.00	2.00	...	2.00	2.00	...	2.00
2.04. Indian Institute of Forestry										
Management	2406	6.70	1.85	8.55	7.00	2.05	9.05	7.00	3.35	10.35
2.05 Training of Personnel of										
other services	2406	2.00	...	2.00	...	...	...	2.00	...	2.00
2.06 Foreign Training of										
Forestry Personnel	2406	5.00	...	5.00	...	...	...	5.00	...	5.00
2.07 Training of Other										
Stakeholders	2406	1.00	...	1.00	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00
Total- Education and Training		26.50	8.45	34.95	18.31	10.79	29.10	26.31	14.59	40.90
3. <i>Research</i>										
3.01 Indian Council of Forestry										
Research and Education	2406	61.65	17.00	78.65	84.93	18.00	102.93	84.93	20.00	104.93
3.02 Indian Plywood Industries										
Research Institute	2406	4.45	1.50	5.95	5.14	1.36	6.50	5.14	2.36	7.50
Total		66.10	18.50	84.60	90.07	19.36	109.43	90.07	22.36	112.43
4. Survey and Utilisation of Forest										
Resources - Forest	2406	5.30	7.00	12.30	5.60	7.95	13.55	5.60	10.85	16.45
Survey of India	4406	0.20	...	0.20	0.20	...	0.20	0.20	...	0.20
Total		5.50	7.00	12.50	5.80	7.95	13.75	5.80	10.85	16.65
5. <i>Forest Conservation, Development and Regeneration</i>										
5.01 Regeneration - Strengthening										
of Forest Divisions	2406	6.50	...	6.50	7.83	...	7.83	7.83	...	7.83
	4406	0.50	...	0.50	5.85	...	5.85	0.50	...	0.50
Total		7.00	...	7.00	13.68	...	13.68	8.33	...	8.33
5.02 Intensification of Forest										
Management	2406	2.50	...	2.50	1.34	...	1.34	1.00	...	1.00
	3601	84.00	...	84.00	54.36	...	54.36	54.00	...	54.00
	3602	0.50	...	0.50	...	...	...	0.20	...	0.20
Total		87.00	...	87.00	55.70	...	55.70	55.20	...	55.20
5.03 Gregarious Flowering of										
Muli Bamboos (<i>Melocanna</i>										
<i>baccifera</i>)(Earmarked for										
North Eastern Region)	2552	15.00	...	15.00	15.00	...	15.00	...	...	...
5.04 National Forestry										
Information System	2406	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50
5.05 National Coordinated										
Programme for Assessment										
of Non-Timber Forest Product										
Resources	2406	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50

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5.06 Certification Programme for Wood and Non-Wood Forest Resources	2406	1.50	...	1.50	1.50	...	1.50	1.50	...	1.50
Total- Forest Conservation, Development and Regeneration		111.50	...	111.50	86.38	...	86.38	66.03	...	66.03
6. <i>Wildlife Preservation</i>										
6.01 Wildlife Institute of India	2406	12.20	1.70	13.90	15.21	1.59	16.80	15.21	2.00	17.21
6.02 Project Tiger	2406	0.40	...	0.40	2.27	...	2.27	1.18	...	1.18
	3601	71.60	...	71.60	127.60	...	127.60	81.65*	...	81.65
	<i>Total</i>	<i>72.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>72.00</i>	<i>129.87</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>129.87</i>	<i>82.83</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>82.83</i>
6.03 Project Elephant	2406	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50
	3601	16.50	...	16.50	18.00	...	18.00	18.00	...	18.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>17.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>17.00</i>	<i>18.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>18.50</i>	<i>18.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>18.50</i>
6.04 Central Zoo Authority	2406	14.50	...	14.50	14.50	...	14.50	14.50	...	14.50
6.05 Control of Wildlife Crime	2406	6.00	...	6.00	4.08	...	4.08	4.08	...	4.08
6.06 Welfare of Animals	2406	25.00	0.85	25.85	25.00	0.45	25.45	25.00	1.15	26.15
6.07 Bio-diversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement Project (EAP)	2406	1.00	...	1.00	0.12	...	0.12	1.00	...	1.00
	3601	2.00	...	2.00	0.57	...	0.57	2.00	...	2.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>3.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0.69</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>0.69</i>	<i>3.00*</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>3.00</i>
6.08 Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats	2406	1.50	...	1.50	1.50	...	1.50	1.50	...	1.50
	3601	72.50	...	72.50	71.00	...	71.00	71.00	...	71.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>74.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>74.00</i>	<i>72.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>72.50</i>	<i>72.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>72.50</i>
Total - Wildlife Preservation		223.70	2.55	226.25	280.35	2.04	282.39	235.62	3.15	238.77
7. Zoological Park	2406	0.60	6.00	6.60	0.60	7.31	7.91	0.60	8.91	9.51
	4406	0.90	...	0.90	0.40	...	0.40	0.40	...	0.40
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>6.00</i>	<i>7.50</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>7.31</i>	<i>8.31</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>8.91</i>	<i>9.91</i>
8. International Cooperation	2406	...	1.60	1.60	...	1.52	1.52	...	1.60	1.60
9. <i>National Afforestation and Eco-development Programme</i>										
9.01 National Afforestation and Eco-development Board	2406	25.40	...	25.40	19.00	...	19.00	19.00	...	19.00
9.02 National Afforestation Programme	2406	290.62	...	290.62	290.62	...	290.62	290.62	...	290.62
9.03 Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation	6406	...	10.00	10.00	...	9.50	9.50	...	11.00	11.00
9.04 Social Forestry with Communities (Panchayat Van Yojana)	2406	15.00	...	15.00	...	...	...	15.00	...	15.00
Total - National Afforestation and Eco-development Programme		331.02	10.00	341.02	309.62	9.50	319.12	324.62	11.00	335.62
Total- Forestry and Wildlife Ecology and Environment		765.82	54.10	819.92	791.53	58.47	850.00	749.45	72.46	821.91
10. Survey										
10.01 Botanical Survey of India	3435	9.00	15.80	24.80	10.69	15.13	25.82	10.69	17.13	27.82
	5425	9.00	...	9.00	3.24	...	3.24	5.50	...	5.50
	<i>Total</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>15.80</i>	<i>33.80</i>	<i>13.93</i>	<i>15.13</i>	<i>29.06</i>	<i>16.19</i>	<i>17.13</i>	<i>33.32</i>
10.02 Zoological Survey of India	3435	9.15	12.25	21.40	12.07	13.30	25.37	12.07	14.30	26.37
	5425	2.00	...	2.00	4.26	...	4.26	2.00	...	2.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>11.15</i>	<i>12.25</i>	<i>23.40</i>	<i>16.33</i>	<i>13.30</i>	<i>29.63</i>	<i>14.07</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>28.37</i>
Total - Survey		29.15	28.05	57.20	30.26	28.43	58.69	30.26	31.43	61.69
11. Environmental Education/ Training/Extension										
11.01 Environmental Education Training Scheme	3435	50.50	0.03	50.53	50.50	0.03	50.53	50.50	0.04	50.54

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11.02 National Museum of Natural History	3435	6.00	1.50	7.50	6.30	1.95	8.25	6.30	2.95	9.25
	5425	4.00	...	4.00	3.65	...	3.65	9.00	...	9.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>11.50</i>	<i>9.95</i>	<i>1.95</i>	<i>11.90</i>	<i>15.30</i>	<i>2.95</i>	<i>18.25</i>
Total - Environmental Education/ Training/Extension		60.50	1.53	62.03	60.45	1.98	62.43	65.80	2.99	68.79
12. Conservation Programme										
12.01 Biosphere Reserves	3435	3.00	...	3.00	3.00	...	3.00	3.00	...	3.00
	3601	6.50	...	6.50	6.50	...	6.50	6.50	...	6.50
	<i>Total</i>	<i>9.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>9.50</i>	<i>9.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>9.50</i>	<i>9.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>9.50</i>
12.02 Assistance for Regional Botanical Gardens	3435	2.20	...	2.20	2.20	...	2.20	2.20	...	2.20
12.03 Mangroves Eco-Systems and Wetlands	3435	3.00	...	3.00	3.00	...	3.00	3.00	...	3.00
	3601	14.50	...	14.50	14.50	...	14.50	14.50	...	14.50
	<i>Total</i>	<i>17.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>17.50</i>	<i>17.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>17.50</i>	<i>17.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>17.50</i>
Total - Conservation Programme		29.20	...	29.20	29.20	...	29.20	29.20	...	29.20
13. Environmental Planning and Coordination										
13.01 Environmental Information System	3435	5.50	0.32	5.82	5.50	0.56	6.06	6.00	0.76	6.76
13.02 Centres of Excellence	3435	8.50	1.45	9.95	8.50	1.45	9.95	8.50	1.55	10.05
	<i>Total</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>1.77</i>	<i>15.77</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>2.01</i>	<i>16.01</i>	<i>14.50</i>	<i>2.31</i>	<i>16.81</i>
14. Research and Ecological Regeneration										
14.01 Research and Development	3435	5.80	...	5.80	5.80	...	5.80	5.80	...	5.80
14.02 G.B. Pant Himalayan Institute of Environment and Development	3435	9.45	...	9.45	12.20	...	12.20	12.00	...	12.00
14.03 Eco-Development Forces	3435	10.50	...	10.50	10.50	...	10.50	10.50	...	10.50
	<i>Total</i>	<i>25.75</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>25.75</i>	<i>28.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>28.50</i>	<i>28.30</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>28.30</i>
15. International Cooperation	3435	3.00	2.10	5.10	3.11	1.98	5.09	3.60	2.10	5.70
Prevention and Control of Pollution										
16. Prevention of Pollution of National Rivers										
16.01 National River Conservation Directorate	3435	6.00	...	6.00	6.33	...	6.33	6.33	...	6.33
16.02 National River Conservation Plan	3435	249.00	...	249.00	271.00	...	271.00	271.00*	...	271.00
16.03 National Lake Conservation Plan	3435	80.00	...	80.00	45.00	...	45.00	45.00	...	45.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>335.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>335.00</i>	<i>322.33</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>322.33</i>	<i>322.33</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>322.33</i>
17. Prevention of Air & Water Pollution										
17.01 Prevention and control of Water Pollution (cess)	3435	...	84.00	84.00	...	79.80	79.80	...	81.80	81.80
17.02 Establishment of Environment Authorities and Environmental Commission & Tribunal	3435	2.00	...	2.00	3.47	...	3.47	2.80	...	2.80
17.03 Central Pollution Control Board	3435	34.50	11.09	45.59	34.50	16.13	50.63	34.50	16.13	50.63
17.04 Promotion of Common Effluent Treatment Plants	3435	4.45	...	4.45	4.45	...	4.45	4.45	...	4.45
	<i>Total</i>	<i>40.95</i>	<i>95.09</i>	<i>136.04</i>	<i>42.42</i>	<i>95.93</i>	<i>138.35</i>	<i>41.75</i>	<i>97.93</i>	<i>139.68</i>
18. Impact Assessment										
18.01 Environment Impact Assessment Programme	3435	3.50	0.08	3.58	3.50	0.07	3.57	3.50	0.10	3.60
18.02 Development and Promotion of Clean Technology	3435	3.05	...	3.05	3.05	...	3.05	3.05	...	3.05
	<i>Total</i>	<i>6.55</i>	<i>0.08</i>	<i>6.63</i>	<i>6.55</i>	<i>0.07</i>	<i>6.62</i>	<i>6.55</i>	<i>0.10</i>	<i>6.65</i>
Total- Prevention and Control of Pollution		382.50	95.17	477.67	371.30	96.00	467.30	370.63	98.03	468.66

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19. Other Programmes										
19.01 Abatement of Pollution	3435	5.50	...	5.50	5.50	...	5.50	5.50	...	5.50
19.02 Environmental Management in Heritage, Pilgrimage and Tourist Centres including Taj Protection Mission	3601	0.01	...	0.01	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01
19.03 Hazarduous Substance Management	3435	9.00	...	9.00	9.40	...	9.40	17.50*	...	17.50
19.04 Natural Resources Management	3435	6.00	...	6.00	4.00	...	4.00	4.00	...	4.00
19.05 State of Environment Project	3435	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50	...	...	...
19.06 Govt. of India - United Nation Development Programme - Environment Support Programme	3435	5.00	...	5.00	5.60	...	5.60	7.47*	...	7.47
19.07 Taxonomy Capacity Building Project	3435	2.75	...	2.75	2.75	...	2.75	2.75	...	2.75
19.08 Biodiversity Conservation	3435	4.45	...	4.45	3.34	...	3.34	4.00*	...	4.00
19.09 Information Technology	3435	16.50	...	16.50	9.02	...	9.02	9.02	...	9.02
19.10 Climate Change Project	3435	3.50	...	3.50	3.50	...	3.50	6.50	...	6.50
19.11 Civil Construction Unit	5425	...	2.28	2.28	...	2.95	2.95	...	4.45	4.45
19.12 Organisational Strengthening & Repositioning of Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation (EPCO)- Madhya Pradesh & Strengthening Natural Resources Management & Farmers Livelihood in Nagaland	3601	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50	0.01	...	0.01
19.13 National Coastal Management Programme	3435	1.37	...	1.37	3.54	...	3.54	15.50*	...	15.50
Total		55.08	2.28	57.36	47.65	2.95	50.60	72.26	4.45	76.71
20. Lumpsum Provision for Projects/ Schemes for the benefit of North-Eastern Region and Sikkim	2552	135.00	...	135.00	124.00	...	124.00	136.00	...	136.00
Total - Ecology and Environment		734.18	130.90	865.08	708.47	133.35	841.82	750.55	141.31	891.86
Grand Total		1500.00	207.00	1707.00	1500.00	222.00	1722.00	1500.00	249.00	1749.00
* Including EAP Component										
C. Plan Outlay	Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
1. Forestry and Wildlife	12406	750.82	...	750.82	776.53	...	776.53	749.45	...	749.45
2. Ecology and Environment	13435	599.18	...	599.18	584.47	...	584.47	614.55	...	614.55
3. North Eastern Region	22552	150.00	...	150.00	139.00	...	139.00	136.00	...	136.00
Total		1500.00	...	1500.00	1500.00	...	1500.00	1500.00	...	1500.00

1. **Secretariat – Economic Services:** The provision is for Secretariat expenditure of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

2. **Education and Training:**

2.01 **State Forest Rangers Colleges:** The provision is for 3 State Forest Service Colleges located at Dehradun, Burnihat and Coimbatore. These colleges run two year courses for SFS Officers.

Rangers College: The provision is for Rangers College situated at Kurseong (West Bengal) which provides training to Range Officers of the State Forest Departments.

2.02 **Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun:** The Academy was created on 25.5.1987 by upgrading the Indian Forests College at Dehradun and de-linking it from the Forest Research Institute. The Academy is responsible for training the Indian Forest Service Officers.

2.03 Training to IFS officers: Under this scheme in service training is provided to IFS officers.

2.04 Indian Institute of Forestry Management: This Institute was established during the Sixth Plan as an autonomous body to develop managerial skills and specialization relating to conservation, optimum utilisation and increasing production and productivity over space and time in forest based products as well as large afforestation and special forest programme.

3. Research:

3.01 Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education: The Council was set up with a view to achieve the national goals of conserving existing forest area and to increase productivity of forests. The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education has been given autonomous status w.e.f. 1.6.1991. This is a centre of excellence in research. In addition, ICFRE has following five institutes in different Eco-Geographic Regions of the country to take care of the research needs for the regions.

- i) Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore.
- ii) Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore.
- iii) Institute of Deciduous Forests, Jabalpur.
- iv) Institute of Arid Zone Forestry Research, Jodhpur.
- v) Institute of Rain and Moist Deciduous Forests Research, Jorhat.

3.02 The Indian Plywood Industries Research Institute, Bangalore: The Institute was established in 1983 jointly by the Plywood Industries and the Government of India.

4. Survey and Utilisation of Forest Resources: Forest Survey of India, Dehradun carries out comprehensive forest resources survey at regular intervals and presents information for planning at National, State and local levels including evaluation through re-inventory to facilitate scientific forestry planning.

5. Forest Conservation, Development and Regeneration: This is an on-going programme to check indiscriminate deforestation and diversion of forest land to non-forest use, strengthening of forests protection force for control of grazing restriction on removal of fuel wood as head loads and also for supply of alternate fuels for effective protection of forests. The important scheme under this programme is the Intensification of Forest Management.

6. Wildlife Preservation:

6.01 The Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun: The Institute Imparts training and provides continuing education to in-service officers and also organizes a two-year M. Sc Course in Wildlife.

6.02,6.03 & 6.08 Project Tiger and Other Projects: The Centrally Sponsored Schemes for preservation of wildlife under implementation are "Project Tiger", "Project Elephant", and "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats". These Schemes aim not only at protecting the endangered species of wildlife but the entire ecosystem. The scheme of Wildlife Preservation also aim at improving the quality of the life of the local people and reducing their dependence on forest projects. The schemes also aim at augmenting the supply of various usufructs through planning in areas adjoining National Parks and Sanctuaries.

6.06 Welfare of Animals: The important activities under this scheme are construction of shelter houses, animal birth control, immunization, ambulance services, and setting up of

National Institute of Animal Welfare. The implementation of the scheme has been transferred to the Animal Welfare Board of India.

6.07 Bio-diversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement Project: The matters concerning Conservation of Biological Diversity, its sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources and knowledge are dealt under the Biological Diversity Conservation Scheme.

9.01 & 9.02 National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board: The National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB) was set up in August, 1992, with the principal aim of promoting afforestation, tree planting, ecological restoration and eco-development in the country. Special attention is being given to the regeneration of degraded forest areas and land adjoining forest areas, national parks, sanctuaries and other protected areas as well as the ecologically fragile areas like the Western Himalayas, Aravallis, Western Ghats, etc. The main scheme for achieving this is the National Afforestation Programme. The implementation of the UNCCD and Social Forestry programme are also covered by NAEB.

9.04 Social Forestry with Communities (Panchayat Van Yojana): The Scheme aims at enabling village institutions to create tree-based renewable biomass resources in the fallow/ degraded lands available under their jurisdiction and is aimed at creating sustainable livelihoods for the rural poor.

10. Survey:

10.01 Botanical Survey of India: The Botanical Survey of India, with its headquarters at Kolkata (a) does the survey of the entire plant resources of the country, (b) complete taxonomic studies of all the flora of the country, (c) list all endangered species and undertake measures for their effective conservation, and (d) identify, collect and preserve specimens of plant useful to human being economically and otherwise.

10.02 Zoological Survey of India: Zoological Survey of India with its headquarters at Kolkata is responsible for carrying out the faunistic survey and research work in systematic zoological, Animal Ecology, Zoology of various groups of animals including marine fauna. Its primary objectives are (a) exploration and survey of faunal resources (b) taxonomic studies (c) status survey of endangered species.

11. Environmental Education/Training /Extension:

11.01 Environment Education Training Scheme: The Ministry gives priority to environmental education of almost all age groups of the country's population through exhibitions and training programmes, etc. The Ministry is also involved in promoting environmental education by imparting non-formal education at the primary and secondary school level and in colleges and universities. The main activities under the scheme are (a) National Environmental Awareness Campaign, (b) Eco-clubs (National Green Clubs) and (c) Mass Awareness.

11.02 National Museum of Natural History: It is a centre set up under the Ministry to impart non-formal education to the school going children in the field of ecology, wildlife and environmental conservation with a view to create and promote awareness in the country about the need to conserve national natural resources.

12. Conservation Programme: The main scheme under the programme is conservation and management of wetlands and mangroves, biosphere reserves and assistance for Regional Botanical Gardens.

13. Environmental Planning and Coordination: The main schemes under this programme are Environmental Information System (ENVIS) and the Centre of Excellence. Under ENVIS, Environmental Information is collected, collated and disseminated to a wide range of users through a network of 76 subject specific ENVIS centre.

14. Research and Ecological Regeneration: Under these programmes, research projects undertaken by various organizations are supported by the Ministry. The Ministry envisages more active participation of universities, scientific Institutions and voluntary organizations in eco-development, restoration of damaged eco-system and eco-regeneration of degraded areas.

15. International Cooperation: The provisions are for contribution to UNO and other International organizations engaged in the development of environmental research, eco regeneration and workshops/seminars.

16. Prevention of Pollution of National Rivers and Lakes: The scope of erstwhile scheme "Prevention and control of pollution of River Ganga" has been widened to cover all national Rivers and Lakes. An action plan has been drawn up for clearing the polluted stretches of National Rivers and to oversee its implementation. The major work programmes relate to diversion, sewer cleaning and renovation of pumping sets. The schemes proposed to be taken up are (i) Interception and diversion of waste water from falling in rivers, (ii) Treatment of waste water with recovery of resources such as bio energy, (iii) Other sanitation measures, such as low cost sanitation, biological conservation, etc. Towards revamping the river conservation strategy, and promoting a holistic and integrated approach to river basin planning, it has been decided (in a meeting chaired by the Prime Minister on 4.11.2008) to declare Ganga a National River; and to set up a Ganga River Basin Authority (GRBA) as an empowered planning, implementing and monitoring authority for the Ganga River.

Under National Lake Conservation Programme, 42 urban lakes have been identified for conservation to prevent their further deterioration.

17. Prevention of Air and Water Pollution: The provision covers: Grants-in-aid to the Central Pollution Control Board, Assistance to State Governments/Central Pollution Control Board; and Funding of relevant schemes. The Central Pollution Control Board was set up in 1974. The Board is also responsible for the prevention and control of air pollution. The provision covers grants given for the promotion of common effluent treatment plants.

18. Impact Assessment: The main schemes under this programme are Environmental Impact Assessment and Development and promotion of Clean Technology. In accordance with the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 to decentralize the environment appraisal process, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authorities

(SEIAA)/State Expert Appraisal Committees (SEAC) have been constituted in 22 States/UTs.

Environmental Clearance has been made mandatory for 44 categories of developmental projects. Following the Notification on Coastal Regulation Zone in 1991 various activities are being undertaken in the coastal stretches of the country for conservation of sensitive areas.

19. Other Programmes: The main objective of these schemes viz., Assistance for Abatement of Pollution including protection of Taj Mahal, and Hazardous Substance Management are to assist State Governments, State Pollution Control Board Central/State Research Institutions and other Government agencies/Organisations with the aim of strengthening their technical capabilities.

19.06 Govt. of India-United Nations Development Programme-Environment Support Programme: It is meant to support the National Development programme in the Environment Sector and is based on focus on decentralization and people participation.

19.07 Taxonomy Capacity Building Project: Having identified critically important areas and gaps in taxonomic Work, an All India Coordinated Project has been drawn up for capacity building in taxonomy.

19.12 Financial support to Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO), Madhya Pradesh: Project objectives are (i) Operationalisation of the State Environment Policy, (ii) Mainstreaming environmental concerns in the district planning process and sectoral programmes, (iii) Involving range of stakeholders of Madhya Pradesh in the exercise of setting environmental priorities, and (iv) Improve understanding of environmental problems and their underlying causes.

19.13 National Coastal Management Programme: In order to rationalize the existing Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991, the Ministry constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan. Based on the recommendations of the Report submitted by the Committee, it has been decided to revamp the CRZ Notification in line with the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee. Towards this end, a draft Coastal Management Zone Notification was issued and the public consultations are under way. The proposed activities under this scheme include (a) Protection of and conservation of the Coastal environment, (b) Protection of local communities and livelihood security along the coastal stretches, (c) Promotion of sustainable development along the coastal stretches, and (d) Measures to control deterioration of coastal environment due to pollution arising from land based activities.

20. Lumpsum Provision for the Projects/ Schemes for North-East Region and Sikkim: A provision of Rs. 136.00 crore has been made for the schemes in the Environment and Forests Sector.