

Vidhan Sabha Question

Name of Department : Forest

Starred Assembly Question : 1416

Date of Answer : 26.08.2019

Subject : Integrated Development Project

Question asked by : Sh. Ashish Butail (Palampur)

Concerned Minister : Forest Minister

Sr. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	is it a fact that the Forest Department is implementing Integrated Development Project for source sustainability and climate-resilient rainfed- Agriculture; if so, what is the total outlay and time period of the project;	(a), (b) & (c) Information laid down on the Table of the House.
(b)	what is the criterion for selection of Panchayats and how many Panchayats have been included under this Project; Assembly Constituency-wise details be given; and	
(c)	how many offices have been closed or are proposed to be closed under this project; reasons of closure be given?	

The Information pertaining to Starred Assembly Question No. 1416 asked by Sh. Ashish Butail (Palampur).

- a) Yes. The total outlay of the project is US \$ 100 million (INR 700 crores approximate) and the time period is 05 (five) years.
- b) The criterion for selection of Panchayats, as proposed by the State Government in 2017 to the Department of Economic Affairs, Govt. of India and World Bank, are as under:-
 - i) Preference given to GPs excluded from Protected Area Network (PAN) i.e. Wild Life sanctuaries.
 - ii) Ecological degradation of the Sources.
 - iii) Water scarcity.
 - iv) Climate change vulnerability index.
 - v) Poverty (BPL%SC/ST% marginal farmers, population density, women literacy % etc).
 - vi) Backwardness/remoteness (distance from the motor able road, Govt. institutions, etc).
 - vii) Potential for treatment.
 - viii) Compactness of the area-contiguity of GPs in cluster.
 - ix) Social setup.
 - x) Existing Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
 - xi) Farming Systems.

The process of selection of Panchayats is currently underway and list of Panchayats to be taken up under this project is yet to be finalized.

- c) Eleven Project offices have been approved for this project which include offices of Chief Project Director and ten District Project Officers. There is no proposal to close these offices.
