

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

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GREEN BELT FOR ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

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

(a) whether the Government have recently launched a programme namely "Green Belt for Abatement of Pollution and Environmental Improvement" in selected cities/towns to reduce the effects of air, water and noise pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of cities/towns selected under the programme State-wise; and

(d) the total amount earmarked and spent under the scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have undertaken a pilot project on Green Belt for Abatement of Pollution and Environmental Improvement to reduce the adverse effects of air, water and noise pollution in five cities/towns of Tamil Nadu viz. Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Tirunelveli. The project involved raising and planting 294000 saplings in the five cities/towns at a total cost of Rs. 4.557 crores of which Rs. 4.00 crores was funded by Government of India and Rs. 0.557 crores by Government of Tamil Nadu. Similar proposals have been invited from other States also.