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Title: Need to release funds under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority in Telangana.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR (KARIMNAGAR): Sir, the Government of Telangana has initiated an ambitious programme titled Haritha Haram to increase the forest cover in the State from 25.16 per cent to the national requirements of 33 per cent. The objective is to plant 230 crore saplings by 2019 and is sought to be achieved by a multi-pronged approach of rejuvenating degraded forests, ensuring more effective protection of forests against smuggling, encroachment, fire, grazing and intensive soil and moisture conservation measures, both inside and outside forests, following the watershed approach.

The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds have been created by the Centre precisely for such programmes. However, as of now, there is no clarity on how much has been earmarked and allocated for each State. The requirements of the Government of Telangana from the CAMPA funds are Rs. 416 crore for the year 2015-16. I request the Centre to release them at the earliest and also clarify Telangana's and other States' share of CAMPA funds for this year.