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Forest Fire Prevention and Management

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forest fires management and prevention Minister of State for Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has provided information about during a reply to the question tabled in Rajya Sabha (Budget Session 2020).

Key Points

- **area 93,273 hectares forest fires in 2019.** The covering was affected by However, it also includes “ground fires”, i.e. burning of ground vegetation.
- **Forests concurrent list of the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution. National Action Plan on forest fires (2018)** are a subject in the The MoEF&CC has prepared a after consultation with all states and Union Territories.
- **Centrally Sponsored Forest Fire Prevention and Management scheme,** Additionally, MoEF&CC also provides forest fire prevention and management measures under the

National Action Plan on Forest Fires

- **National Action Plan on Forest Fires (NAPFF) 2018** was launched in to minimise forest fires by informing, enabling and empowering forest fringe communities and incentivising them to work with the State Forest Departments.
- The plan also intends to substantially reduce the vulnerability of forests across diverse forest ecosystems in the country against fire hazards.
- It also aims to enhance capabilities of forest personnel and institutions in fighting fires and swift recovery subsequent to fire incidents.

Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme

- **only centrally funded program** The Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme (FPM) is the specifically dedicated to assist the states in dealing with forest fires.

- **replaced the Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS)**
2017.increased the amount dedicated for forest fire work. The FPM in By revamping the IFMS, the FPM has
- **a 90:10 ratio of central to state funding60:40 ratio for all other states.** Funds allocated under the FPM are according to a center-state cost-sharing formula, with in the Northeast and Western Himalayan regions and a
- **National Afforestation Programme (NAP)Mission for Green India (GIM)**It also provides the states to have the flexibility to direct a portion of the and funding toward forest fire work.

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