

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 705**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

**Green Skill Mission**

705. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has started 'Green Skill Mission' under which a certain number of technicians and people are to be trained during the next three years;
- (b) is so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the implementation of the said 'Green Skill Mission' is going on as per target and whether the progress made so far in the regard is positive and as per expectations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Under the ongoing Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, a new initiative the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) was launched in June 2017 to skill youth in environment, forest and wildlife sectors and enabling them to be gainfully employed or self-employed. It was conducted on a pilot basis at 10 locations, spread over 9 bio-geographic regions of the country. The Pilot offered a Basic Course and an Advanced Course of 3 months' duration each, to skill the youth as Biodiversity Conservationists and Para-taxonomists, respectively. 94 Trainees successfully completed the Basic Course qualifying as skilled Biodiversity Conservationists and the Advanced Course was completed by 154 candidates. The Government has now expanded the programme to an all India level with new skilling programmes covering diverse fields- pollution monitoring (air/water/soil), emission inventory, Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)/Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)/Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) operation, waste management, environmental impact assessment, forest management, water budgeting & auditing, conservation of river dolphins, wildlife management, para taxonomy including Peoples Bio-diversity Register (PBR), mangroves conservation, bamboo management & livelihood generation, etc. It is estimated to skill around 5.6 lakh youth by 2020-21. 1165 youth have been trained in 30 courses conducted during 2018-19, so far. More batches are undergoing training under different ongoing courses at different locations across the country.

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