

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2018

Green Skill Development Programme

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Green Skill Development Programme with the aim of providing training to people on environment based challenges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the area of training proposed by the Government;
- (c) the details of skills and number of people likely to be trained under the said programme;
- (d) whether the Government has also planned to expand the programme to all States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with fund allocation and number of beneficiaries expected to be trained ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) is a new initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to skill youth in environment, forest and wildlife sectors and enabling them to be gainfully employed or self-employed. It was launched in June, 2017 on a pilot basis at 10 locations, spread over 9 bio-geographic regions of the country, with a Basic Course and Advanced Course of 3 months' duration each, to skill the youth as Biodiversity Conservationists and Para-taxonomists, respectively. 94 Trainees have successfully completed the Basic Course qualifying as skilled Biodiversity Conservationists and the Advanced Course with 154 candidates enrolled, is under progress.

(d) & (e): The Government has planned to expand the programme to an all India level with new skilling programmes covering diverse fields, e.g., Pollution Monitoring (Air/Water/Noise/Soil), Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) Operation, Waste Management, Forest Management, Water Budgeting & Auditing, Conservation of River Dolphins, Wildlife Management, Marine Taxonomy & Coastal Biodiversity, Mangroves Conservation, Bamboo Management & Livelihood Generation, etc. The new initiatives including GSDP are being funded under the ongoing Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Scheme of the Ministry, apart from the regular activities under the Scheme. The Budget allocation for the ENVIS Scheme is Rs. 16 crore for 2017-18 and Rs. 24 crore for 2018-19. It is planned to create a pool of Master Trainers at the first stage, who would further train an estimated 80,000 youth across the country under various skilling courses during 2018-19.
