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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

Green Skills

597. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has come up with a scheme to train people in “green skills”;
- (b) if so, details of the skills that will be taught under the scheme; and
- (c) the total number of people likely to be trained under the scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes, 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 about 40 skilling programmes to be conducted throughout the country from July 2018 onwards 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 planned to create a pool of Master Trainers at the first stage. It is estimated that 80,000 youth across the country would be trained under the various skilling courses during 2018-19.
