

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2019

Green Skill Development Programme

4123. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any record regarding the courses offered and the present number of trainees under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP), course-wise and State-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is offering any course on the conservation of wetlands and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether the Government will consider to introduce a course on the conservation of wetlands; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to make courses under GSDP more attractive?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) & (b): Under the ongoing Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) was launched in June 2017, on a pilot basis, to skill youth in environment, forest and wildlife sectors and enabling them to be gainfully employed or self-employed. 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 State-wise details of number of trainees enrolled under the ongoing skilling courses and courses which have been completed during 2018-19 are listed at Annexure I and II respectively.

(c) to (e) A module on Wetlands Conservation is already included under the Course on Para-taxonomy (including Peoples Bio-diversity Register). The Courses offered under the GSDP focus mainly (more than 50 %) on the practical component of skilling. To provide exposure to the trainees, field visits are also organized. Further, the courses are being offered free of cost to the trainees and a certificate is issued on the successful completion of the Course by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change bearing the logo of the Ministry and the Skill India logo of the Ministry of the Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

State-wise list of Number of Trainees having successfully completed the courses under the GSDP

Sl No.	State	Discipline	No. of Trainees
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) / Medicinal Plants	15
2	Assam	Wild Bee Keeping and Processing	26
3	Bihar	Water Budgeting & Auditing	24
		Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	19
		River Dolphin Conservation	22
		Sustain and Enhance Technical Knowledge in Solar Energy Systems	30
4	Chandigarh	Sustain and Enhance Technical Knowledge in Solar Energy Systems	19
5	Delhi	City Environment Surveyor	16
		Wildlife Management using Geospatial Techniques	10
6	Gujarat	Cleaner Production Assessment	20
		Effluent Treatment Plant/Sewage Treatment Plant/Common Effluent Treatment Plant(ETP/STP/CETP) Operation and Maintenance	15
		Community based conservation of Mangroves Ecosystem	50
		Laboratory Assistant for Eco-friendly Food testing Laboratory	15
		Laboratory Technicians/ Technical Assistants for electrical testing for environmental criteria	15
7	Jharkhand	Propagation & Managment of Bamboo	10
		Lac & Tassar Cultivation	12
		Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	21
8	Karnataka	Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Green GDP	22
		NTFP Products / Medicinal Plants	16
		Propagation & Management of Bamboo	16
		Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	13
9	Kerala	Management of Small Botanical Gardens	16
		Plant Tissue Culture Techniques and its Applications	9
		Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Green GDP	14
		Waste Management (Solid Waste, Biomedical Waste, Plastic Waste, E-Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste)	16
10	Maharashtra	Bird Identification and basic ornithology	9
		Bird Migration and Migration study techniques	18
		Value addition and Marketing of NTFFPs (Plant Origin): Bamboo Crafts	25
		Emission Inventory	24
		Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	22
		Community based conservation of Mangroves Ecosystem	9
11	Meghalaya	Environmental Laws	13
		Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	13
		Waste Management (Solid Waste, Biomedical Waste, Plastic Waste, E-Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste)	12
		Plant Tissue Culture Techniques and its Applications	10
12	Mizoram	Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	18
13	Nagaland	Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	10
14	Odisha	Environment Impact Assessment	20
15	Puducherry	Pollution Monitors - Air and Water	19

16	Rajasthan	Management of Small Botanical Gardens	15
		NTFP Products / Medicinal Plants	20
		Plantation Techniques and Utilization of Renewable Energy in Arid Zone	20
		Para-Taxonomy including People's Biodiversity Register(PBR)	7
17	Sikkim	Nature Conservation & Livelihood: Ecotourism	20
18	Tamil Nadu	Community based conservation of Mangroves Ecosystem	17
		Lantana Furniture and Crafts	11
		Waste Management (Solid Waste, Biomedical Waste, Plastic Waste, E-Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste)	52
		Para-Taxonomy including People's Biodiversity Register(PBR)	15
		Quality Planting Material Producer	14
		Plant Tissue Culture Techniques and its Applications	10
		Bird Identification and Basic Ornithology	11