

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 390
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2019

Green Skill Development Programme

*390. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

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

- (a) whether the Government had launched the Green Skill Development Programme in June 2017 on pilot basis to impart skill to the youth in environment, forestry and wildlife sectors and enable them to be gainfully employed or self-employed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the pilot Green Skill Development Programme has been successful in achieving its objectives and targets and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the said programme has been/is to be implemented in the entire country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 390 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.7.2019 REGARDING 'GREEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME' RAISED BY SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI.

(a) to (c): Yes, 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, at 10 locations, spread over 9 bio-geographic regions of the country 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, qualifying as Parataxonomists. Based on the success of the pilot, the Programme was extended to pan-India level in 2018-19.

(d) & (e): The Government has expanded the programme to an all India level with 43 courses in 2018-19 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, water budgeting & auditing, bamboo management & livelihood generation, etc. Overall, 135 training programmes were conducted at 87 locations throughout the country and 2315 youth have been successfully trained under various courses during 2018-19.
