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Community Driven Environmentally Sustainable Village Programme

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

- (a) the present status of Community Driven Environmentally Sustainable Village Programme;
- (b) the number of projects taken up under the said programme;
- (c) whether the implementation of the said programme has produced any positive impact; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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, the Community driven Environmentally Sustainable Village Programme (CESVP) was taken up during 2017-18, on pilot basis. As part of the pilot, Delhi based 7 ENVIS Resource Partners (RPs) hosted by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF), International Institute of Health and Hygiene (IIHH-Sulabh), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Centre for Media Studies (CMS), School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) and The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) carried out coordinated activities from October, 2017 till March 2018 aimed at creation of awareness about major environmental issues covering pollution, waste management, water management, setting up of community driven projects, such as solar energy, health status, etc. in three villages, viz., Dhirpur, Ghoga and Singhola in Delhi. Further, a preliminary survey was undertaken by these RPs in April, 2018 in three villages – Neemka (Gautam Budh Nagar, UP), Oledha (Bulandshahr, UP) and Kachaida (Gautam Budh Nagar, UP).

During the recent years, Sikkim ENVIS Hub (F&ED), Manipur ENVIS Hub (DoEF), and ENVIS Resource Partner at Department of Zoology, University of Madras (DZUM) conducted various activities under the Programme. ENVIS Hub Manipur conducted a pilot project in Heirok village of Thoubal District, Manipur. They also initiated three more village-based programmes at Nambol Naorem, Bishnupur District, Kharung Pat Village, Kakching District and Wabagai Village Kakching District. Department of Zoology, University of Madras (DZUM) conducted clean-up programmes, installed waste bins, conducted group discussions for raising awareness towards sustainable environmental practices. Sikkim ENVIS Hub has been closely working at rural villages organising cleanliness drives covering

whole village particularly Jhora, Nala, roadsides, lakeside and prominent tourist destinations like Chayataal (lake).

(c) & (d): The activities carried out under the programme had a positive impact on the population covered as they became more aware about the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices. The inhabitants of the villages started segregating the waste, using clean energy for cooking, vermi composting of house hold waste etc. It has further enthused local people to sustainably utilize their local resources and in the meantime conserve the local natural environment.
