GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2695
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

National Showcase of the Eco-Creativity & Innovation Hackathon

2695.   SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a)   the details of the measures taken by the Government to ensure that the innovative ideas generated through the hackathon are implemented and scaled up for real-world environmental impact;
(b)   if so, the details thereof;
(c)   whether any financial and technical support has provided by the Government to students and institutions participating in this initiative, if so, the details thereof; and
(d)   whether the Government has collaborated with any industries or research institutions to develop and implement the ideas submitted during the hackathon?

<u>ANSWER</u>
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d)   The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in addition to its own dedicated 'Environment Education Programme (EEP)', encourages and facilitates participation of Eco-club students in experiential learning activities organized by various organizations. The 'Eco-Creativity and Innovation Hackathon' organized during 2024 is one such initiative to which this Ministry had extended non-financial support and had encouraged voluntary participation of Eco-club students from all across India. The initiative provided a platform for students across India to explore solutions to pressing environmental challenges. The innovative ideas, selected for the national showcase event, are uploaded on the 'Environment Education Programme' portal of this Ministry for public access. The purpose of the hackathon was to encourage children to think of innovative ideas to solve environmental problems rather than scaling up and further development of ideas submitted by students.

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