

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2638
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026

Green Skill Development Programme

2638 SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved a new Green Skill Development Programme course;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said course is focused on value addition to water hyacinth;
- (d) whether it is true that the said course will be offered in Kerala through the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE)- Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences in Kozhikode; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (e):** Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) aims to skill youth in environment, forest and wildlife sectors for gainful employment and/or self-employment. GSDP was launched in June 2017, on a pilot basis to meet skill gaps in the economy. Based on the success of the pilot, the programme was extended to pan-India level in 2018-19. Ten (10) courses as approved by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) are being implemented under GSDP : (1) Waste Optimisation Professional (2) Apiculturist (Wild bee) – NTFP (Non Timber Forest Produce) (3) Nature Conservator Cum Ecotourism Guide (4) Solar Enterprise Assistant Manager (5) Micro Entrepreneur- NTFP –Plant Origin (6) Soil Pollution Monitoring Specialist (7) Water Hyacinth (Value added Handicraft) Micro-Entrepreneur (8) EV Charging Installation Technician (9) Environmental Impact Assessor (10) Junior Parataxonomist

The GSDP courses aim to increase livelihood opportunities for unskilled population and promote entrepreneurial skills through systematic training on collection, processing, value-

addition and marketing of products made from materials including water hyacinth. All these courses are implemented by all the 54 EIACP Centres including the EIACP centre -
- Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE).
