GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 370**
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

Green Credit Programme

370.   SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

(a) the main objectives of the Green Credit Programme;
(b) the details of the progress made under Green Credit Programme in the country especially Maharashtra;
(c) the proposed timeline for implementing the Green Credit Programme across the country including Maharashtra;
(d) the steps taken to raise public awareness about the Green Credit Programme and encourage community participation; and
(e) whether there are specific goals within the Green Credit Programme to support sustainable agriculture, renewable energy adoption, and waste reduction in alignment with other Government policies and 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). The Central Government has notified Green Credit Rules, 2023 on 12th October 2023 under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 to encourage voluntary environmental positive actions resulting in issuance of Green Credits. To begin with, voluntary tree plantation/eco-restoration is envisaged on degraded land under the control and management of Forest Departments. The Ministry published Notification for Methodology for calculation of green credit in respect of tree plantation on 22nd February 2024.

Under the Green Credit Programme, 17 State Forest Departments are participating as implementing agencies, and have registered 48,074 hectares of degraded land out of which 1537.55 hectares of degraded land has been registered in Maharashtra.

The stakeholders of tree plantation/eco-restoration activity under the Green Credit Programme are State Forest departments and Central/State Public Sector Undertakings which were apprised through meetings, consultations and correspondences. GCP portal has also been developed and is in the public domain. (https://www.moefcc-gcp.in)

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