

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF GEP
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the initiatives being undertaken by the State Government of Uttarakhand to monitor the state of natural resources in the State and create a quantifiable index called the Gross Environmental Product (GEP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consider the undertaking of such an exercise for the entire country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) & (b) The Government of Uttarakhand has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand for the development of environmental indices (including Gross Environmental Product) for monitoring of maintenance of environmental and ecological security in Uttarakhand on 29th July 2013.
- (c) to (e) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for undertaking such an exercise for the entire country.