

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4028

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GREEN CREDIT SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce 'Green Credit Scheme' (GCS) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details, present status and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from any State Government in this regard including Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to (d) The Central Government has not introduced Green Credit Scheme in the country. However, the Central Government has received the proposal by the name 'Green Credit Scheme' from the State Government of Gujarat. This proposal envisages advancing the obligatory compensatory afforestation in cases of diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal has been examined in the Ministry and requires approval of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Government of Gujarat has been advised to approach the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for obtaining further directions.