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- Green deposits are **interest-bearing fixed-term deposits** where proceeds are allocated specifically towards **green finance** projects. These deposits are denominated only in **Indian Rupees** as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) framework.
- **Purpose**: Funds raised through green deposits are directed towards **sustainable and environmentally friendly projects** such as:
    - Renewable energy projects (**solar, wind, biomass, and hydropower**).
    - **Energy efficiency and clean transportation**.
    - **Climate change adaptation** and **sustainable water/waste management**.
    - Development of **green buildings** and **coastal/marine environment projects**.
    - Support for **certified organic farming**.
- **Key features**: Like regular fixed deposits, green deposits offer interest and **fixed tenure**.

    - Fund allocation is subject to an annual third-party audit to ensure compliance with green finance norms.
    - Deposits are insured under the **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)** framework.
- **Priority Sector Lending (PSL)**: If the green activities/projects financed align with **PSL guidelines**, they can be classified under the **priority sector**.

Q1: What is the role of DICGC?

The DICGC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) that provides insurance coverage to depositors in case of bank failure. It ensures that depositors receive up to ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank across all types of deposits, including savings, current, recurring, and fixed deposits.

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