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I am in F1 OPT and did not get selected in any of the H1B lottery (in all 3 chances). Current OPT ends on 25 Jan 2020. My company is asking if they can apply for Green card for me. I am working as a lead engineer and responsible for P&L of my department. Will you suggest me to go ahead with GC process without H1B?

ANSWER:

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If you are India born then applying for a green card while as a student does not help you much because it's not going to get you a work authorization nor is it going to get you a green card for another decade. So in theory this is available, but if you are India born maybe not such a good idea. [More...](#) ^[2]

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