

**Assistance from United Kingdom**

2405. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of United Kingdom have provided any financial assistance for various projects pertaining to the Environment and Forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) the progress made so far in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Statement, providing details of the United Kingdom assisted projects in environment and forests, is enclosed.

**STATEMENT**

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Status as per information available with Govt. of India
1.	Western Ghat Forestry Project, Karnataka.	Overseas Development Administration (ODA), UK financial commitment is 18.07 million Pounds. An amount of 4.17 million UK Pounds has been disbursed till June, 1995. The Project is being implemented in Uttar Kanara Circle.
2.	Forestry Project in Kullu Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.	ODA, UK's financial commitment will be in the range of U.K. Pounds 10 million to be implemented in two phases. In the Pilot Phase, ODA's financial commitment is 3.09 million Pounds. The Project has commenced only in 1994-95.
3.	Gomati Action Plan.	ODA, UK will provide financial assistance for pollution abatement of River Gomati in Lucknow in 2 phases. An amount of Pound 4.02 million will be provided under phase-I. Side letters were exchanged on 29-8-95.
4.	Assistance to Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore.	ODA, UK's financial commitment is 0.703 million Pounds Sterling, over a period of three years for development of tree improvement programmes. ODA has released 0.562 million Pound Sterling for the project till now.
5.	Calcutta Environmental Strategy and Action Plan.	ODA, UK's financial commitment is UK Pounds 2.201 million for improving the environment in Calcutta. The project commenced only in June, 1995.
6.	Capacity Building for Biodiversity Information Management, the Indira Gandhi Conservation Monitoring Centre (IGCM), World Wildlife Fund, India.	ODA, UK's financial assistance will be Pounds 9,83000 over 3 year period. ODA has released an amount of UK Pound 31,500 as Technical Assistance to GCMC for project preparation facilities. Project memorandum for the operational phase has been received.

**Self Financing Educational Institutes**

2406. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is encouraging self financing educational institutes and decided to stop

establishing new educational institutes in the State sector;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to protect the interest of economically weaker students, and

(c) the measures being taken to maintain standard of education in such educational institutes?