

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2908

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EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR FORESTRY PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether any international funding agencies have come forward to fund forestry projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some foreign agencies have also provided funds for forestry projects during the last three years and thereafter;
- (d) if so, the details of funds received so far, agency wise; and
- (e) the manner in which such funds have been utilised and proposed to be utilised in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sirs. Many international funding agencies have provided assistance for forestry projects. From 1979-80 till 2002-03, a total of 25 forestry projects have been implemented in 17 different States of the country and an area of approximately 4.0 million hectares has been treated. The prominent international funding agencies are: (i) World Bank, (ii) Japan Bank for International Cooperation (Japan), (iii) Swedish International Development Agency (Sweden), (iv) Department for International Development (United Kingdom) and (v) the European Economic Commission.

(c) & (d) The year-wise, agency-wise and project wise details of the funds provided (reimbursed) by the international funding agencies during the last three is given in Annexure.

(e) The funds have been/are being utilised for various planned activities such as afforestation, soil and moisture conservation, research, forest extension, biodiversity conservation, joint forest management activities, institutional and infrastructure development etc.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2908 FOR 1 2003 REGARDING EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR FORESTRY PROJECTS.

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Project	Name of State (s) international funding agency	Name of the international funding agency	Funds provided (reimbursed) in the last three years	2000-2001	2001-02	2002-2003
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Eastern Plains Afforestation Project	Karnataka	Japan Bank for International Cooperation	101.87	80.30	84.51
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Forestry Development Project	Rajasthan	Japan Bank for International Cooperation	24.24	11.26	The project has since closed
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Gujarat Afforestation and Development Project	Gujarat	Japan Bank for International Cooperation	119.45	48.54	The project has since closed
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Indira Gandhi Nahar Rajasthan Japan Bank for 22.88 15.69 The project has
Pariyojana Project International since closed
Cooperation

Punjab Afforestation Project Punjab Japan Bank for 80.65 68.97 37.41
International
Cooperation

Tamilnadu Afforestation Tamilnadu Japan Bank for 89.74 86.63 71.31
Project International
Cooperation

Himachal Pradesh Forestry Himachal Pr. Department for 1.53 The project has
Project International since closed
Cooperation

Uttar Pradesh-Uttaranchal Uttar Pradesh World Bank 33.84 42.33 52.41
Forestry Project & Uttaranchal

Kerala Forestry Project Kerala World Bank 25.29 14.56 35.42

Andhra Pradesh Community Andhra Pradesh World Bank The project began in 13.82
Forest Management Project 2002-03